Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for North Star Montessori Academy. Held in the North Star Montessori Academy Cafeteria on June 24th, 2026 at 4:15pm

Members Present: Melissa Bowers, Roger Zappa, Jessica Pfitzer, Derek Pugh

Members Absent: Marguerite Guter

Others Present: Mary VanderMolen, Angela Chang, Taylor Gaudreau, Betty LaPointe, and Frank Patterson

1. The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Bowers at 4:15pm
2. A quorum of the board was established.
3. Oath of Office- Melissa Bowers
    a. President Melissa Bowers took an Oath of Office for her new term.
4. There were no amendments needed to the agenda.
5. Motion by Jessica Pfitzer to approve the proposed Consent Agenda, supported by Derek Pugh. Motion passed 4-0.
6. Public comment: None

Consent Agenda

7. Motion by Derek Pugh to approve the proposed Consent Agenda, supported by Jessica Pfitzer . Motion passed 4-0.

Action Items

8. Approval of Amended 2025-2025 Budgets
    a. Chief Financial Officer Frank Patterson gave a brief overview of the final budget for the 2025-2026 school year. He highlighted the increase in revenue and expenses for the end of the school year.
    b. Approval of Amended 2025-2026 General Fund Budget
    c. Motion by Jessica Pfitzer to approve the amended 2025-2026 General Fund Budget, supported by Roger Zappa. Motion passed 4-0
    d. Approval of Amended 2025-2026 Hot Lunch Budget.
    e. Motion by Jessica Pfitzer to approve the amended 2025-2026 Hot Lunch Budget, supported by Derek Pugh. Motion passed 4-0
    f. Approval of Amended 2025-2026 School Activity Fund Budget.
    g. Motion by Jessica Pfitzer to approve the amended 2025-2026 School Activity Fund Budget, supported by Derek Pugh. Motion passed 4-0.
    h. Board Member Comments:

Reports/ Discussions

9. Teachers First Report:
    a. Michelle Kyles from Teachers First was unable to attend the meeting. Chief Financial Officer Frank Patterson gave an update on the Back-to-School Conference

being held in Grand Rapids at the end of July. Frank went over the Teacher's First Board Report that was sent to the board this week. Frank gave an update on the enrollment goal for next year and the budget. Frank went over some of the grants that will be available in the coming months.

10. Board Retreat Planning
    a. Superintendent Mary VanderMolen lead a discuss for planning the board retreat for the fall. After discussion it was decided that August 17th would be the date for the retreat.
11. Modular Building Update
    a. Superintendent Mary VanderMolen gave an update on the Modular Building and led a discussion regarding planning for the Modular Building.
12. Finance Committee Planning
    a. Superintendent Mary VanderMolen discussed dates for the Finance Committee meetings for the 2026-2027 school year. Chief Financial Officer Frank Paterson stated that monthly meetings would be beneficial.
13. School Leadership Update
    a. Superintendent Mary VanderMolen gave the board an update regarding her schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. Mary gave a brief overview of what she hopes next school year will look like.
14. Superintendent Report
    a. Superintendent Mary VanderMolen gave the board an update on some banking issues that Mary and Teacher's First have been working on. Mary went over some marketing updates and what the marketing team has been working on so far. Mary gave a shout to Angela Chang and all her hard work she has done throughout year and what an amazing partnership they have.
15. Principal Report
    a. Principal Angela Chang started her report by giving an update on the school's NWEA growth report for the 2026-2027 school year. Angela gave the board an update on the grade band option they would like to go with for the upcoming school year. It consists of PRE-K/ Kindergarten, 1st& 2nd grade, 3-5th grade and 6th-8th grade. Angela gave an update on the end of the year festivities that occurred and how great everything went.
16. NMU Chart Schools Office Report
    a. Betty LaPointe from Northern Michigan University
17. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 26th, 2026 at 4:15 pm
18. Public Comment:
19. Board Member Comment:
    a. Jessica Pfitzer gave the board an update on some MAPSA trends that have occurred during her email updates.
20. Motion by Jessica Pfizter to adjourn, supported by Derek Pugh. Motion passed 4-0.
21. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Melissa Bowers

Melissa Bowers, NSMA Board Secretary

8-26-24

Date Approved