

North Star Academy

Board Meeting Minutes



Date: August 1, 2024

Anchor Location: North Star Academy, 2920 W. 14000 S., Bluffdale, UT 84065

Teleconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8263801163>

In Attendance: Sidney Warnick, Jordan Shields, Bob Bell, Barton Sloan, Kammie LeFevere, Becky Slagowski

Others In Attendance: Tana Archer, Diana Siedel, Nicole Jones, Cathie Hurst, Hannah Jones

Call to Order Sidney Warnick called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.

Public Comment (Comments will be limited to 3 minutes each.)

There were no public comments.

Board Training

- Parent and Family Engagement, Compact, Plan

Jordan Shields facilitated a discussion about the Parent and Family Engagement, Compact, Plan for the school. She said that the requirements in the policy are to make sure that parents have a copy of the policy and ensuring that the school is holding parent and family meetings throughout the school year. Jordan Shields went on to discuss parent student and teacher responsibilities in the compact. She gave examples of those responsibilities for each of the stakeholders at the school. There were no questions or concerns from the board on the information that Jordan provided about the Parent and Family Engagement policy, compact, and plan.

- Electronic Resources/Devices Policy

Jordan Shields facilitated a discussion on the Electronic Resources Policy. Jordan emphasized that it is North Star's responsibility to monitor how students and employees are using electronic resources or devices at the school. The board had no questions or concerns about the policy.

Reports

- Director Report

Tana Archer reported that the playground project is underway, and they have some draw ups of what the new playground will look like. She went on to say that 15 different staff presenters for back-to-school training in areas of recent training and/or expertise, not including mentors meeting and supporting new personnel. Tana Archer went on to report that the school is fully staffed with just needing to hire two staff members in the kitchen. She said that they have a lot of applicants and interviews will be underway this week. She said they have 4 new teaching assistants working at the school this year. Tana said that enrollment is still looking good with 532 students enrolled. Diana Seidel discussed the assessment data at the school for summer academy. The board expressed the importance of the data, and stated how summer academy has benefitted the school. Tana Archer went on to report on the schoolwide improvement goal and how it will be distributed throughout the school in the upcoming year.

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- Financial Review

Cathie Hurst reported on the financial position of the school. She said the school is within all their budget goals for the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. She noted that the numbers she provided are subject to change. Cathie Hurst concluded her financial report with no questions or concerns from the board about the finances presented.

Consent Items

- June 20, 2024, Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes

Becky Slagowski made a motion to approve the June 20th, 2024, board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes. Jordan Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Becky Slagowski, AYE; Sidney Warnick, AYE; Bob Bell, AYE; Jordan Shields, AYE; Kammie Lefever, AYE; Barton Sloan, AYE.

Business Items

- 2024/2025 Early Learning Plan

Tana Archer discussed the goals of the early learning plan. The board had no questions or concerns about the plan.

Becky Slagowski made a motion to approve the 2024/2025 Early Learning Plan. Bob Bell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Becky Slagowski, AYE; Sidney Warnick, AYE; Bob Bell, AYE; Jordan Shields, AYE; Kammie Lefever, AYE; Barton Sloan, AYE

- Approve Amended Electronic Meetings Policy
- Approve Amended Background Check Policy
- Approve Amended Attendance Policy
- Approve Amended Selection, Approval, and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy

The board discussed the amendments to the policies listed above. The board had no questions or concerns about the amendments to the policies that came from the 2024 legislative session.

Bob Bell made a motion to approve the Amended Electronic Meetings Policy, the Amended Background Check Policy; The amended Attendance Policy; and the Amended Selection, Approval, and Purchase of instructional Materials Policy. Jordan Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Becky Slagowski, AYE; Sidney Warnick, AYE; Bob Bell, AYE; Jordan Shields, AYE; Kammie Lefever, AYE; Barton Sloan, AYE.

- Recess Equipment Purchase

The board reviewed plans and costs of the new playground equipment for the school. The board was happy with the plans that were presented.

Bob Bell made a motion to approve the Recess Equipment Purchase not to exceed \$140,000. Becky Slagowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Becky Slagowski, AYE; Sidney Warnick, AYE; Bob Bell, AYE; Jordan Shields, AYE; Kammie Lefever, AYE; Barton Sloan, AYE.

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- Teacher Crisis Alert Badges Purchase

This item was tabled.

- LSW Agreement with Connected 2 Therapy

The board discussed the Connected 2 Therapy contract. The board had no concerns about the contract.

Bob Bell made a motion to approve the Connected 2 Therapy Agreement. Jordan Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Becky Slagowski, AYE; Sidney Warnick, AYE; Bob Bell, AYE; Jordan Shields, AYE; Kammie Lefever, AYE; Barton Sloan, AYE.

- Nursing Contract

The board discussed the school nursing contract. They had no questions or concerns about the contract.

Jordan Shields made a motion to approve the 2025 Nursing Contract. Becky Slagowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Becky Slagowski, AYE; Sidney Warnick, AYE; Bob Bell, AYE; Jordan Shields, AYE; Kammie Lefever, AYE; Barton Sloan, AYE.

Calendaring:

- Next board Meeting is October 3, 2024, at 4:30 PM.
- Additional Board Meeting – September TBD
The board may schedule an additional electronic board meeting at the end of September. That date is still TBD.
- Back to School Teacher Breakfast
The board discussed logistics and plans for the Back-to-School Teacher Breakfast.
- Back to School Night
The board discussed the planning and needed resources for Back-to-school night.

Adjourn Meeting

At 5:53 PM Bob Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jordan Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Becky Slagowski, AYE; Sidney Warnick, AYE; Bob Bell, AYE; Jordan Shields, AYE; Kammie Lefever, AYE; Barton Sloan, AYE.

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