

North Star Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Date: February 13, 2025



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

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

Others in Attendance: Tana Archer, Diana Siedel, Nicole Jones, Cathie Hurst, Hannah Jones, Advika, Larsen, Logasree Hariprasad

Call to Order

Sidney Warnick called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.

Public Comment

This was the second public comment period for the 2025-2026 Fee Schedule & Fee Waiver Policy. There were no public comments.

Reports

- Director Report

Students who participated in the art contest joined the meeting to share their art with the board. The board congratulated the students and thanked them for their hard work and creativity. Tana Archer reported first on celebrations including the new lottery system which has been running clean and thorough. The registration paperwork has come in faster than any previous year. Tana Archer gave the final report on the 2023-2024 School Land Trust Plan. There were no questions or concerns from the board about the final report. Walk throughs and formal observations have been conducted with all salaried employees between one to two times a month. The intervention specialist and SPED paraprofessional attended a de-escalation and crisis prevention refresher training. The building and operations personnel and counselor attended the Utah Charter School safety workshop on February third and fourth. Tana Archer and Diana Siedel attended the UAPCS winter administrative conference “Leadership in Action: Building Strong Minds, Classrooms, and Communities”. Three K-3 teachers completed their second year (1-8 units) of LETRS Science of Reading Training. The school’s art teacher was asked to present at the UAEA spring conference. The building evaluation presented to the board highlights completed projects, building maintenance schedule, and the 2023-2024 report. Board member Bob Bell asked about timelines for future planning including the 5 RTU’s that may need replacement, sections of roof that have not been redone, and a backup power source. Diana Siedel reported on middle of year assessment data. There have been significant improvements from the beginning of the year assessment data.

- Financial Review

Cathie Hurst reported on school finances. Operating cash is being successfully transferred into the PTIF to

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increase interest. Local sources are higher because of the PTIF interest. Because of the success of interest from PTIF, they will assign some of those funds to cover potential expenses and assign those funds to building repair or potential building projects as needed. Other current assets were zero last year and is currently at around fifty thousand dollars this year, which is a result of the iReady software purchase. It is recognized that there was only a surplus of fifteen thousand budgeted. The board voiced that they want administration to feel supported with finances and projects and purchases that make sense with the budget. Cathie Hurst mentioned the legislative session and how it will affect funding for the school. The board had no further questions or concerns discussing financials.

Consent Items

- December 5, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Jordan Shields made a motion to approve the December 5, 2024, Board Meeting minutes. Becky Slagowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Becky Slagowski, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye.

Business Items

- Approve 25-26 Fee Schedule & Fee Waiver Policy

The board had no questions or concerns about the 2025-2026 Fee Schedule.

Bob Bell made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Fee Schedule. Jordan Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Becky Slagowski, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye.

- Approve Amended 25-26 School Calendar

The board had no questions or concerns about the amendment made to the 2025-2026 School Calendar.

Jordan Shields made a motion to approve the amended 2025-2026 School Calendar. Becky Slagowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Becky Slagowski, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye.

- Summer PD Expenditure Approval

Tana Archer explained the costs associated with summer professional development. The board had no questions or concerns about the summer professional development expenditures.

Becky Slagowski made a motion to approve the Summer Professional Development Expenditures not to exceed \$40,000. Bob Bell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Becky Slagowski, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye.

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- Approve Amended Library Policy

The board discussed the changes to the library policy. Tana Archer explained the procedures to the board. There was no further comment.

Jordan Shields made a motion to approve the Rescind Library Policy. Becky Slagowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Becky Slagowski, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye.

- Generator Install Invoice

Tana Archer explained the generator will be used for emergency lighting, refrigerators, etc. Bob Bell asked questions about the install and what the best options are for the generators uses. The board had no further questions or concerns about the installation of the generator.

Bob Bell made a motion to approve the Generator Install Invoice not to exceed \$79,500. Becky Slagowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Becky Slagowski, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye.

Discussion Items

Parent Teacher Conferences are taking place February 27th and 28th 2025. Sidney Warnick said she will reach out to board members individually to check their availability.

Becky Slagowski informed new board members about the award of excellence and explained it is an award presented to students during graduation with an NSA medal. The essays submitted by students for the award of excellence provide the board with knowledge on what has served student's best during their time at NSA.

Calendaring

The next board meeting will be held March 27, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

The annual Stakeholder meeting will take place either May 15th or May 22nd at Bluffdale City Hall.

Closed Session

At 6:12 PM Jordan Shields made a motion to enter a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a). Becky Slagowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Becky Slagowski, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye.

Adjourn Meeting

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At 6:39 PM Bob Bell made a motion to exit the closed session and adjourn the meeting. Becky Slagowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Becky Slagowski, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye.



North Star Academy Board of Directors Closed Session

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CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for North Star Academy entered a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in accordance with Utah Code Ann. 52-4-2(1)(a).

I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the day of February 13, 2025, at Bluffdale, Utah.

Sidney Warnick, Board Chair

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