

**North Star Academy**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: March 5, 2026**  
**Time: 4:30 PM**



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

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

Others in Attendance: Tana Archer, Diana Siedel, Priscilla Stringfellow, Cathie Hurst, Hannah Jones

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

Public Comment

- 2026-2027 Fee Schedule  
There were no public comments.

Reports

- Director Report  
Nine North Star Academy seventh graders advanced from the regional science fair and are going to the state science fair. Accreditation is complete and North Star received accreditation with “merit”. Two students took first and third place in the all-girls Utah State chess championship. Students will be competing at the State Capitol State Competition Bee. On March 12, 2026, Fox 13 will be recognizing North Star Academy due to a community nomination for “Cool School of the Week” where some of the unique programs at the school will be highlighted. Enrollment for 2026-2027 is full in all grades with a total of 534 students and 506 that have completed the registration process. Professional development took place in January and February including the Achievement to Action Cohort and Using AI with Technology. Tana Archer provided the 2026-2027 School LAND Trust Plan. Diana Siedel presented the middle of the year data to the board. There has been consistent growth in scores for all grades. Plans for a building update were shared with the board. The board has been evaluating the high priorities for the building. Classroom environments are among the priorities and having more room for elective courses will help improve those environments.
- Financial Review  
Cathie Hurst presented financial statements to the board. Revenue is 60.2 percent overall with state revenue being at 59.9 percent. The WPU is now set at 4.6 percent. The only federal income received so far is the Food Revenue. Local revenue is high due to the interest from PTIF. Expenses are 51 percent overall and are tracking closely to the budget related to the amount of the year that has passed. Areas tracking ahead of budget include technical services, utility services, property insurance, advertising, and technology supplies.

Consent Items

- January 8, 2026, Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes  
*Bob Bell made a motion to approve the January 8, 2026, Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes. Kammie LeFevre seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye;*
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School Mission

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2025-2026 School Wide Improvement Goal

Finding the Leader Within: Discovering a World of Possibilities

NSA Board Meeting: 03.05.2026  
Approved: 04.16.2026

*Barton Sloan, Aye.*

### Business Items

- 2026-2027 Fee Schedule

The school's Fee Schedule must include a description of all fees charged, the amount of any fee, an explanation of how the fees will be spent by the school, a per student annual maximum fee amount for the school year and a statement notifying parents that their student might be eligible for a fee waiver. Board members evaluated the proposed Fee Schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.

*Jordan Shields made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Fee Schedule. Bob Bell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye.*

- 2026-2027 School LAND Trust Plan

Tana Archer presented the 2026-2027 School LAND Trust Plan. The goals outlined in the plan include increasing ELA scores by two percent overall for students in grades three through eight, increasing the number of students meeting benchmark for grades kindergarten through sixth in reading, and improving concepts identified to close achievement gaps based on targeted interventions in math, writing and reading. Distribution for the 2025-2026 school year is \$80,999.11. For the 2026-2027 school year the estimated distribution is \$98,105.49 to achieve these goals.

*Barton Sloan made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 School LAND Trust Plan. Jordan Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye; Bob Bell, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye.*

- Meal Prices

Meal prices will be increasing in the 2026-2027 school year. Elementary breakfast will increase from \$1.30 to \$1.50. Middle school breakfast will increase from \$1.30 to \$1.50. Pricing for adult breakfast will be \$2.50. Elementary lunch will increase from \$2.25 to \$2.80. Middle school lunch will increase from \$2.25 to \$2.80. Pricing for a second lunch will be \$3.55 and adult lunch will cost \$3.50. The board discussed the costs and pricing of the meals in each category.

*Kammie LeFevre made a motion to approve the meal prices as discussed. Jordan Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye.*

Bob Bell left the meeting at 6:04 PM.

- Helpside Professional Employer Agreement
- Social Worker Contract

A new professional employer agreement between the school and Helpside is being presented for board approval. Helpside provides a comprehensive suite of services, including payroll administration, 401(k) benefits, FMLA administration, unemployment support, and workers compensation coverage. North Star Academy has hired a social worker, and the contract has been provided to the board for review and approval.

*Jordan Shields made a motion to approve the Helpside Professional Employer Agreement and the Social Worker Contract. Kammie LeFevre seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye;*

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- **Media Request**

Administration requested the board approve six scenes from the film “The Hobbit” for ninth grade. The links to the clips that will be shown in order to reinforce understanding from the text that was read were shared with the board.

*Jordan Shields made a motion to approve the Media Request. Barton Sloan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye.*

- **Amended Wellness Policy**

This item was tabled. The Wellness policy will be brought back for review and approval at a later meeting.

- **Amended Fee Waiver Policy**

- **Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy**

It is required by law to review and re-approve the Fee Waiver policy annually. New rules and requirements for the Student Conduct and Discipline policy include requirements related to the use of emergency safety interventions (physical restraint and seclusion) with students. Board members reviewed the changes to the policies.

*Jordan Shields made a motion to approve the Amended Fee Waiver Policy and the Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy. Kammie LeFevre seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye.*

#### Discussion Items

Board members discussed the National Charter School Conference that is taking place in New Orleans, LA in June. Director Tana Archer attended the conference last year, and Board Chair Sidney Warnick asked that if there is any interest from board members in going to reach out so they can plan for registration and travel to the conference. Sidney Warnick shared feedback from parent teacher conferences with the board.

#### Calendaring:

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:30 PM. On the evening of May 20<sup>th</sup>, the board will meet to discuss the 206-2027 Schoolwide improvement Goal.

#### Adjourn Meeting

*At 6:29 PM Jordan Shields made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kammie LeFevre seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Sidney Warnick, Aye; Jordan Shields, Aye; Kammie LeFevre, Aye; Barton Sloan, Aye.*

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