

North Star Montessori Academy
3030 Wright Street
Marquette, MI 49855

~~Budget Hearing and Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes~~
August 23, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Board Members: Melissa Bowers, Roger Zappa, Lydia Bucklin, Jessica Danek, ~~Melissa Bowers~~, Nicole Harrington
NMU: Betty LaPointe, NMU Charter Schools Office

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1. Call to Order: Melissa Bowers called the regular NSMA Board meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Board of Directors present: Melissa Bowers, Jessica Danek, Nicole Harrington, Roger Zappa, Lydia Bucklin. Quorum reached.
3. Others Present: Andrea Knack and Betty LaPointe.
4. Agenda Adoption:
 - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Jessica Danek to approve the agenda with additions to action item '9. Approval of New Hire Contracts' and '10. Board positions'. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda

6. a) Approval of proposed minutes from the June 28th, 2023 meeting
- b) Approval of June & July financial statements and bills for payment.
 - Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Action Items

7. Approval of 2023-2024 Curriculum Guide
 - Motion by Lydia Bucklin, supported by Nicole Harrington, to approve the 2023-2024 Curriculum guide as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
8. Approval of 2023-2024 Student Handbook
 - Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Lydia Bucklin, to approve the 2023-2024 Student Handbook. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
9. Approval of New Hire Contracts
 - a) Reina Eastman
 - i) Primary
 - b) Julia Boynton

- i) 4th-5th grade
 - c) Scott Schippers
 - i) Middle school
 - d) Maddie Nylund
 - i) Middle school science
 - e) Kyleigh Jordan
 - i) Middle school social studies
 - f) Abigail Leafgren Day
 - i) 1st-3rd grade
 - g) Ashleigh Vrabel
 - i) Full-time aide in the primary room
 - Motion by Jessica Danek, supported by Roger Zappa, to approve Reina Eastman, Julia Boynton, Scott Schippers, Maddie Nylund, Kyleigh Jordan, Abigail Leafgren Day, and Ashleigh Vrabel as new hire contracts. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
10. Board positions
1. President- Melissa Bowers
 2. Vice President- Roger Zappa
 3. Treasurer- Nicole Harrington
 4. Secretary- Jessica Danek
- Lydia Bucklin submitted her resignation from the board. Her last meeting will be September 27th.
 - Motion by Jessica Danek, supported by Roger Zappa, to approve Melissa Bowers as President, Roger Zappa as Vice President, Nicole Harrington as Treasurer, and Jessica Danek as Secretary. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Reports/Discussion

10. **Superintendent/Secondary Principal Report:** Andrea Knack mentioned our current enrollment numbers are at 206 students. MAPS administration went back so we are just now getting record requests, so those numbers can change. The budget is set for 200 students. There has been a ton of work being done on the building. Roofers have visited several times due to leaks, but haven't been able to locate leaks. They are unsure of the next move. They did have a full security assessment with different recommendations, such as shatterproof film for the glass doors and stop signs for the entryway of the parking lot. They are working on a quote for a PA speaker for outside and plan on getting an aerial view of school grounds to make a map. This will be used for local law enforcement to make a grid so they can be most effective in an emergency. Andrea reported lots of hauling furniture and junk. Lots of cleaning and decluttering and improving the buildings with replacing ceiling tiles and waxing floors. The first contracted day for teachers is Monday.
11. **NMU Charter School Office report:** Betty LaPointe mentioned it is quiet on the NMU CSO side of things. They will be doing a staff retreat in Mt. Pleasant in October. NWEA will do a one-hour overview at the retreat. It will be interesting and informative. Andrea mentioned a conflict for us to be able to attend.

Announcements

- 17 . **Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 27th, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
- 18 . **Public comment:** None
- 19. **Board member comment:** Roger Zappa shared his regrets for being unable to attend the workshop.
- 20. **Motion to adjourn** by Lydia Bucklin supported by Jessica Danek. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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Jessica Danek, NSMA Board Secretary

9/27/23
Date Approved

