

**North Star Montessori Academy
3030 Wright Street
Marquette, MI 49855**

**Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 26th, 2022
5:15 p.m.**

North Star Montessori Academy-Cultivating blended learning and success by inspiring every child in a student-centered community.

Board Members: Roger Zappa, Lydia Bucklin, Jessica Danek, Melissa Bowers

NMU: Betty LaPointe, NMU Charter Schools Office

“This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the School’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as inducted in the agenda”

1. Call to Order: Melissa Bowers called the regular NSMA Board meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Board of Directors present: Melissa Bowers, Roger Zappa, Jessica Danek. Quorum reached. Lydia Bucklin provided notice of absence prior.
3. Others Present: Angela Chang, Mary Vandermolen. Betty LaPointe was present via Zoom.
4. Agenda Adoption:
 - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Jessica Danek to approve the agenda as presented, motion to defer action item #1 to our next scheduled meeting. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda

1.
 - a) Approval of proposed minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting
 - b) Approval of September financial statements and September bills for payment.
- Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Jessica Danek, to approve the consent agenda. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Action Items

1. Nicole Harrington CSO Oath of Office
 - Motion made during agenda adoption to defer action item to next scheduled meeting.
2. Approval of 98c Learning Loss Grant
 - Angela Chang shared a presentation showing NWEA scores and statistics, discussed their strategy to combat learning loss, and how any

funds received from this grant would be utilized. Funds would be available in early December after forms are submitted and accepted. The amount is not certain until approved, but possibly \$36.75 per pupil.

- Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Jessica Danek, to approve applying for the 98c Learning Loss Grant. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
3. Approval of the Emergency Response Plan
- Motion by Jessica Danek, supported by Roger Zappa, to approve the Emergency Response Plan as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Reports/Discussion

4. **Elementary Principal Report:** Angela Chang shared that Andrea Ballard, herself, and Sarah Vickstrom went downstate for the Charter Schools board workshop. While there, they discussed “Wildly Important Goals” or W.I.G.S, and ours was related to learning loss. They were able to look at different things that NWEA can provide, such as different reports useful for seeing where we are underperforming as a school. Those reports were part of the Learning Loss Grant presentation. A plan of action was direct phonics instruction, focusing on 4-8th grade math with help from our Title 1 teachers and new math curriculum, and adjusting targeted SEL instruction. SEL testing began this week. MARESA helps coordinate this testing but switched systems, so we are a little behind, but as is everyone in the area. Harvest Fest was last Friday and was a huge hit. Monday is Halloween, so we have the costume parade at 10:30 a.m. and guardians can come to watch in person. It will also be streaming on Facebook. The ice cream social went well and they went through 4 tubs of ice cream. It was wonderful for new students and families to meet each other. Count day numbers are unknown at this time.
5. **Special Education Report:** Mary Vandermolen presented a brief history of Special Education, information about staff/services we have available, and student numbers who utilize those services. She also touched upon Section 504 and IDEA.
6. **Board Committee Reports:** None.
7. **NMU Charter School Office report:** Betty LaPointe shared how sad she was to hear of Andrea’s loss, but glad that NSMA has a wonderful team that can cover the presentations tonight. She was pleased to have a good group of folks from our school present at the Charter Schools workshop and wished it could have been without the stress of uncertain weather conditions for the return back to the Upper Peninsula. She informed the board she plans to be in person at our November board meeting.

Announcements


1. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, November 16th, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Public comment:** None
3. **Board member comment:** Melissa Bowers inquired about a need to create a separate special meeting to review information and discuss the High School. The

board agreed that at this time, it wasn't necessary and it will be a discussion topic at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

4. **Motion to adjourn** by Jessica Danek, supported by Roger Zappa. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Jessica Danek, NSMA Board Secretary

11/16/22
Date Approved

