

**North Star Academy**  
**3030 Wright Street**  
**Marquette, MI 49855**  
**Special Board Meeting Agenda**  
**March 5th, 2024**  
**4:00 p.m.**

*North Star Montessori Academy fosters a Montessori environment allowing the whole child the freedom and support to question, think deeply, and make connections. Our Montessori environment yields confident, motivated, and self-directed learners able to think critically, work collaboratively, and become respectful citizens in an ever-changing world.*

**Board Members:** Melissa Bowers, Roger Zappa, Jessica Danek, Nicole Harrington, Lindsay McWebb

**NMU:** Betty LaPointe, EdD – Director, Charter Schools Curriculum Assessment & Quality Control

1. Call to Order Melissa Bowers called the special NSMA Board meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. Roll call – Board of Directors Nicole Harrington, Lindsay McWebb, Jessica Danek absent and excused, Melissa Bowers, Roger Zappa.
3. Others present Angela Chang, Mary VanderMolen, Andrea Knack
4. Agenda adoption
  - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Lindsay McWebb to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
5. Public comment

### **Discussion Items**

1. ESSR-III Grant Fund allocation
  - a. Reviewed the numbers presented with what was allocated and what was spent as well as the way the grant was written so we can rework the use of the funds grant was written in 2021 has to be spent by September 2024
  - b. Monies that are left may need to be reallocated
    - i. Counselor
      1. Custodial – 58k
      2. Remainder moved to building upgrades
    - ii. Bathroom funds
      1. Add the funds from the roofing to the bathroom
    - iii. Roof – no repairs could be found to repair
    - iv. Modular and classroom updates
      1. Add that the modular space is outdated and needs to be modified as well as updating classrooms in main building
    - v. Technology
      1. Chrombooks – should use remainder of funds

Next steps:

- Lindsey will work to schedule the appointments for the below
  - Contractors to look at building for updates
  - Excavators to look at modular space
  - North Iron to look at modular building

## Announcements

1. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 20th, 2024
2. Public Comment
3. Board Member Comment
4. Motion to adjourn

Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Lindsay McWebb to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

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Melissa Bowers, - NSMA Board Interim Secretary

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Date Approved