

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

**Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 22nd, 2023**  
**5:15 p.m.**

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

**Board Members:** Melissa Bowers, Roger Zappa, Lydia Bucklin, Jessica Danek, Melissa Bowers, Nicole Harrington  
**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 5:15 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Board of Directors present: Melissa Bowers, Jessica Danek, Nicole Harrington, Lydia Bucklin. Quorum reached. Roger Zappa provided notice of his absence in advance.
3. Others Present: Andrea Ballard, Chris Valima, and Betty LaPointe. Betty was present via Zoom.
4. Agenda Adoption:  
Add “Action #8- Potential 2022-2023 School Calendar Update”  
a) Motion by Lydia Bucklin, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.

**Consent Agenda**

1. a) Approval of proposed minutes from the January 25th, 2023 meeting  
b) Approval of January financial statements and January bills for payment.  
- Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Lydia Bucklin, to approve the consent agenda with the correction of the meeting year listed in the title from 2022 to 2023. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

**Action Items**

1. Budget Update- Chris Valima  
- Chris Valima, from MARESA, reviewed and highlighted amendments to the current school year’s budget and the proposed budget for next year. He mentioned

the Governor proposed a 5% increase in the base per-pupil foundation allowance for schools and to support academically at-risk students. That proposal hasn't passed as of yet, so it was not included in the budget presented.

2. Resolution to Amend the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget
  - Motion by Jessica Danek, supported by Lydia Bucklin, for approval of the amended 2022-2023 General Fund Budget as proposed. Roll call vote: Ayes- Danek, Bucklin, Bowers, Harrington. Nays- none. Motion passed.
3. Resolution to Amend the 2022-2023 Hot Lunch Budget
  - Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Lydia Bucklin, for approval of the amended 2022-2023 Hot Lunch Budget as proposed. Roll call vote: Ayes-Harrington, Bucklin, Bowers, Danek. Nays- none. Motion passed.
4. Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar
  - Motion by Lydia, supported by Harrington, to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented, with Oct. 16th and February 12 as professional development and January 15th as in-school learning/commemoration of MLK Jr. in a substantial way. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
5. 98B Goal Reporting
  - Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Lydia Bucklin, to accept the 98B Goal Reporting as presented. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
6. Staff 3-year Salary Increase
  - Motion by Jessica Danek, supported by Lydia Bucklin, to approve the 3-year salary increase for staff, with an annual review to possibly increase the percentage, as presented. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
7. ESSER III Review
  - Motion by Lydia Bucklin, supported by Nicole Harrington, to accept the ESSER III plan as presented. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
8. Calendar
  - Good Friday, April 7th, needs to be changed to a virtual day in the event an additional snow day is needed.
  - Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Lydia Bucklin, to accept the virtual learning day in the event of an additional snow day to the school calendar as presented. Vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

### **Reports/Discussion**

1. **Superintendent/Secondary Principal Report:** Andrea Ballard mentioned that they are beginning their media push in preparation for enrollment. This includes TV 6 attending our open house in March and on Monday for Parent Night. She will also have a videographer do another short about our secondary program for social media. T-shirts for all students will need to be ordered, in hopes of receiving them before Field Day. They spoke to students and Ms. Tilma about designs. Lots of great words were provided with the theme of "What I love about NSMA".
2. **NMU Charter School Office report:** Betty LaPointe's connection was lost.

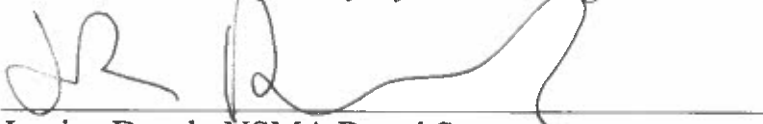
### **Announcements**

1. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Public comment:** None
3. **Board member comment:** Melissa Bowers confirmed who was able to attend the CSO workshop downstate.

4. **Motion to adjourn** by Lydia Bucklin, supported by Nicole Harrington. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Jessica Danek, NSMA Board Secretary

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