

North Star Academy
3030 Wright Street
Marquette, MI 49855
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
August 21, 2024
4:15 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, Nicole Harrington

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

1. Call to Order Melissa Bowers called the regular NSMA Board meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
2. Roll call – Board of Directors present: Melissa Bowers, Roger Zappa, Nicole Harrington. Quorum reached.
3. Others present Mary VanderMolen and Angela Chang
4. Agenda adoption
 - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
5. Public comment - None

Consent Agenda

6. a) Approval of proposed minutes June 26th, 2024 meeting
 - b) Approval of June & July financial statements and June & July bills for payment- Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve June financials as presented. July and August are expected to be presented at the September board meeting. Approval of proposed minutes June 26th, 2024 meeting moved to action items. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Action Items

7. Approval of 2024-2025 Student Handbook
 - a) Motion by, Nicole Harrington supported by Roger Zappa to approve 2024-2025 Student Handbook as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
8. Approval of 2024-2025 Calendar Update & Family Events Calendar
 - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve 2024-2025 Calendar Update & Family Events Calendar with career fair, Santa's workshop, and NMU homecoming parade to the Family Events Calendar. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
9. Approval of Sexual Harassment & Sexual Assault Information Guide for students
 - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to approve Sexual Harassment & Sexual Assault Information Guide for students as presented. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
10. Approval of 2024-2025 School Board Positions
 - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to keep current board positions with the addition of Melissa Bowers holding dual roll as President and Secretary. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
11. Discussion of Approval of proposed minutes June 26th, 2024 meeting
 - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington to discuss verbiage of June 26th 2024 meeting notes to edit the notes as follows for the superintendent review section "Due to accounting changes, Anne Marie Case has decided will not to continue with the school." . Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

- b) Motion by Nicole Harrington, supported by Roger Zappa to approve June 26th board meeting notes as amended. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Reports/Discussion

12. Staff Update – Board was notified of Sarah Vickstrom and Maddie Nylund resignation. As well as the continued search for buss drivers.
13. Teacher’s First Update – Discussed current meetings and transitions with teachers first. As well as Melissa Bowers to reach out to Teachers 1st to align expectations.
14. Superintendent Report- Mary VanderMolen – Discussed updates for coming school year and realignment on finical accounts.
15. Principal Report- Angela Chang – Discussed upcoming welcome back nigh
16. NMU Charter Schools Office Report – NMU representative was not present for this meeting

Announcements

17. Next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 18th, 2024
20. Public Comment
21. Board Member Comment
22. Motion to adjourn
 - a) Motion by Roger Zappa, supported by Nicole Harrington adjourn at 5:22 PM Unanimous approval. Motion passed

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Melissa Bowers, NSMA Board Secretary- 2024/2025

9/18/24

Date Approved