NORTH STAR PUBILC SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 15th, 2026

The School Board of North Star Public School District #10 met in regular session on Wednesday, April 15th, 2026.

PRESENT: Jeremiah Halley, Brooks Larson, Chris Doehler, Jeremy Johnson, Jeana Jorde, Michelle Gibbens, and Paul Wagenman. **Administration**: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. **Guests**: Jill Vote, Anabelle Staus.

Board President Wagenman called the meeting to order at 7:00 am.

Review of the Agenda: No Changes

Public Comment: None

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the March 18th, 2026, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes.

Senior Trip: Anabelle Staus presented the planned details of the Senior Trip to Minneapolis May 8-10. She requested approval for the Seniors to miss class on May 8th and travel outside of the state under the supervision of Mrs. Teubner, Mrs. Kurti, and Mr. Vote. No funds were requested to support the trip. All members of the board agreed with no objections.

Approve the Bills:

March 2026 and April 2026 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: $38,085.49 outstanding, $45,257.21 paid; School Lunch Fund: $16,497.73 outstanding; Activity Fund: $2,901.69 outstanding, $6,824.10 paid.

The CC charges for March 2026, paid in April 2026 were presented. GF Charges: $1,482.14; AF Charges: $7,850.22; Total: $9,332.36.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Halley, to approve payment of outstanding invoices and invoices paid as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-Y; Larson-Y; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Review Financial Reports:

Cash flow reports for March 2026 and April 2026 to date were reviewed for the Gen Fund, School Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, and After School Child Care Fund.

GF: March 2026 Tax Receipts were $658,667, April Tax Receipts to date are $48,697.42. The last DPI Aid payment of the FY of $210,222.62 was received 4/1/26. No Title Funds were received in March or April; Current fund balance with CD's and Savings is $2,404,546.52.

Building fund balance is $151,270.86; Reserve fund balance is $53,537.07.

The 1st United Bank General Fund CD matures on 4/21/26. Special Reserve Fund CD matures on 4/21/26 as well.

School Lunch Program: March DPI Claim payment was $10,122.95. No payment received to date in April. Current fund balance is $42,743.70.

ASCC Billings were mailed on 4/7/26 for a total of $918. Total billed to date is $8,280; Total received to date is $5,239; Outstanding receivables are $3,041. Current fund balance is $6,397.19.

AF: Current Fund Balance is $71,371.53.

Revenue and expenditure reports for March 2026: Gen Fund Total Revenue received in March = $687,633.14; Gen Fund Total Expenditures for March = $361,495.54.

The School Board was made aware of an issue with Rolette County Tax Collections. The statement of Tax Collections for February showed an amount allocated to the Special Reserve Levy of $3,984.26. North Star does not currently have a Special Reserve Levy. Further the MILS applied to the Building Fund appear to be too high and those applied to the Miscellaneous fund appear too low on both the February and January Tax Collection statements. The Rolette County Auditor has identified the MILS being applied as most likely last year's MILS. No explanation has been provided about how the Special Reserve amount came about on the Feb tax collection statement. After discussion the school board would like the district to make a formal request to Rolette County of a full audit of North Star School District applied levies and Tax Collections for FY's 24/25 and 25/26 with any identified shortage be paid to the district. The board would also like a letter sent to the States Attorney General to advise them of the situation.

Principal's Reports:

The current elementary enrollment is 156; HS enrollment is 123.

Elementary attendance was 95.27% for the past month and 95.68% year to date; HS Attendance was 94.2% for the past month and 94.5% year to date.

Mr. Hagler (Jacob) gave an update on the Standards Based Grading training.

The last day of pre-school will be April 30th.

State Testing and ND+ testing will take place the weeks of April 27-May 1st and May 4-8.

Mrs. Reiser and Mrs. Roerick will attend a Cognia Continuous Improvement workshop on April 22nd in Grand Forks.

Upcoming school events were reviewed.

One informal teacher resignation for next year has been received. The formal resignation will be made available to the board once received. No objections were made by the board to open the position as soon as the formal resignation is received.

Activities Director Report:

The schedules for track, golf, and baseball were available for review. Most events for this week have been postponed due to weather and ground conditions.

The BBB state tournament was very successful. Donations were more than enough to cover expenses.

A new armory agreement has been signed so that baseball could start using the armory. Travis Westlind was the catalyst that helped make this update happen.

Three summer camp flyers and registration forms, one for VB and two for BB, were presented and reviewed. The registration forms have a statement releasing the school from any liability.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Jorde, to approve the VB and two BB summer camps to be held at North Star School this summer. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-Y; Larson-Y; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Interest has been expressed in creating memberships for non-school employees to use the school's weight room. The board expressed reluctance due to potential student safety concerns. No action will be taken at this time.

Prom is this Saturday and several attendees are from out of town. Each has been screened by the HS principle. No breathalyzer will be given. Local law enforcement will be in and out throughout the night.

Superintendent's Report

Long Term Planning Meeting: Mr. Hagler (Jeff) went through a PowerPoint presentation for the long-term planning meeting. Most of the presentation was financial information. A financial report, prepared by the Business Manager, comparing various North Star financial metrics with other school districts, was also available for review. No guests from the community were present for the Long-Term planning meeting.

The superintendent, elementary principle, and Title 1 Teacher met with the State Title Board last week. The review went well and we are waiting for their final report. Only one outstanding item remains outstanding but should be easily addressed.

A three-year contract with Lifetouch for school pictures has been signed. Lifetouch handles all payments through their system eliminating the need for the school to handle money in the office.

Old Business:

Mr. Hagler (Jeff) reviewed the repairs made by Tuomala Plumbing to the large sewer pipe section in the basement that failed last fall.

The State Superintendent will be here on May 8th from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm. School Board President Wagenman and Board member Doehler will plan to attend.

Mr. Hagler (Jeff) will be meeting with a Johnson Control heating specialist later this morning regarding heating system options for the school. Board members are welcome to attend.

The negotiating committee will mee on April 27th to meet with the administrators regarding their contracts for next year and discuss ancillary staff pay for next year.

June 9th School Board Election: We received 2 candidate applications for each of the open seats. One of the candidates for the Cando Seat withdrew on 4/7/26, so there will be one candidate for the Cando seat, and 2 candidates for the Bisbee-Egeland seat on the ballot. A sample ballot was available for review. Ballots will be printed no later than April 30th.

MOTION by Jorde, seconded by Johnson, to designate the Armory, located at 404 5th Ave (Cando), as the June 9th North Star School Board Election precinct and polling place, with polling hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-Y; Larson-Y; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

New Business:

The business manager evaluation form is available in Dropbox. Board members are to complete the evaluation by May first and send them to Mr. Hagler (Jeff) who will compile the results. Mr. Hagler and Board President Wagenman will review the results with the Business Manager.

Mr. Hagler briefed the board on an incident where a couple of tires fell off a bus along with changes to maintenance procedures to prevent in the future. There were no injuries, but the two tires and hub need to be replaced.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 am.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager