NORTH STAR PUBILC SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2026

The School Board of North Star Public School District #10 met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026.

PRESENT: Mindy Reimer, Jeremy Johnson, Jeremiah Halley, Brooks Larson, Chris Doehler, Michelle Gibbens, and Paul Wagenman. **Administration**: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. **Guests**: Kelsey Olsen, Daniel Julson (District Auditor, Nadine Julson, LLC).

Board President Wagenman called the meeting to order at 7:26 am.

Review of the Agenda: No Changes

Public Comment: None

MOTION by Reimer, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of August 16th, 2026, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes.

Approve the Bills:

August 2026 and September 2026 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: $49,099.88 outstanding, $134,336.18 paid; Building fund: $42,292.50 outstanding; School Lunch Fund: $23,092.66 outstanding, $158.31 paid; Activity Fund: $5,833.30 outstanding, $5,493.40 paid; ASCC: $610.44 outstanding.

The CC charges for August 2026, paid in September 2026 were presented. GF Charges: $10,592.44; AF Charges: $610.50; School Lunch: $158.31.

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

Review Financial Reports (as of 8/31/26):

A summary of all District banking and investment accounts as of August 31st, 2026, with comparison to the previous year was reviewed. The balance of all District accounts was $2,282,031.29 compared to $1,931,932.44 the previous year.

The balance of all General Fund (GF) accounts is $1,831,267.17 compared to $1,548,186.54. August 2026 cleared cash receipts were $284,995.58 and cleared expenditures were $179,564.38.

One of our CD's matured on 8/12/2026. Interest paid was $11,250.

The Building Fund Balance is $164,674.85 compared to $127,955.58 the previous year.

The Special Reserve Fund balance is $53,861.59 as compared to $51,745.47 the previous year. No change from last month.

The Activity Fund (AF) balance is $191,822.85 compared to $126,248.18 the previous year.

The School Lunch Fund balance is $37,734.15 as compared to $75,559.98.

The ASCC Fund balance is $2,670.68 compared to $2,236.69 last year.

Total checks outstanding for the district are $17,263.62 compared to $37,714.49 at the end of July.

The AF Fund balance report was available for review. $34,321 was moved in between the funds. Funds were primarily moved from Interest, participation, vending, and Class of 2026 and older and moved to balance our other funds in the negative. The local American Legion donated $8,250 this month ($4,350 to FB, $2,000 to FCCLA, and $400 to Golf) and Bob Hallaway donated $4,350 for FB Helmets.

REVENUE/EXPENSES: August 2026 and Fiscal YTD actual expenses and revenue were reviewed.

August total revenue across all funds was $326,868.13; Expenditures were $136,824.38.

YTD 26/27 fiscal year revenue is $656,185.14; YTD Expenditures are $205,577. Net gain was $450,607.

TAX RECIEPTS: August 2026 tax collections were $6,922.59; and $54,386.22 for the fiscal year.

STATE AID: August 2026 state aid payment was $265,028; and $530,056 for the fiscal year.

GRANTS: No Activity.

The Auditor (via zoom) reviewed the results of the 2023 and 2024 audit and the process used to conduct the audit. The Audit will be submitted to the State Auditor for their approval. 2025 and 2026 audits will begin shortly, with completion estimated by the end of the 26/27 fiscal year. At that point the districts audits will be caught up.

MOTION by Reimer, seconded by Larson, to approve the 2023 and 2024 Audit. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Principal's Reports:

Enrollment for elementary and pre-K is 137; HS/JH enrollment is 125. Attendance for elementary was 96.69% and 96.04% for HS/JH

PreK started on September 15th with a total of 12 students (6 am/ 6 pm).

Parent teacher conferences are on September 17th from 3-9 pm.

AI Training: The staff will have AI training on October 7th for in-service training. A lyceum on AI for grades 6-12 will also be held.

The ASVAB test was given to Juniors and Seniors on Sept 9th and 10th; ND+ interim testing for elementary is September 21st to October 2nd.

Standards based grading was discussed. Math for 7th and 8th graders will not be included on the Honor Roll calculation due to standards-based grading. This should not affect grades 9-12.

Our Carl Perkins Grant submission for equipment was approved.

Past and upcoming events were reviewed.

Activities Director Report:

MOTION by Halley, seconded by Doehler to recognize the 7th grade class (Class of 2032) as a fund-raising group in the Activity fund. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The Jamboree did not have a large turnout. The gate cleared $355.

We received the updated invoice from HUDL for 1,500. $750 was previously paid.

Superintendent's Report

BUDGET HEARING: The superintendent reviewed county valuations, proposed revenue and expense budget's, the state revenue budget sheet calculation, and proposed tax levy mils.

Total taxable valuation is $21,729,521 compared to $21,357,801 the previous year.

The proposed revenue budget is $4,522,442 with the proposed expense budget at $4,479,612 resulting in a deficit budget spending of -$42,830.

State Aid revenue is estimated to be $2,596,314. After accounting for other miscellaneous revenue total proposed levy is $1,835,250 with total mils of 84.459, broken out as follows:

General Fund:	59.99902 mils/$1,303,750
Board Discretionary:	9.75631 mils/$212,000
HS Tuition:	.20709 mils/$4,500
Building Fund:	8.97397 mils/$195,000
Miscellaneous:	5.5224mils/$120,000

MOTION by Reimer, seconded by Larson to approve the proposed budget and tax levies as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The third section of the HS roof will go out for bid this next year to be completed next summer.

The possibility of putting a well in at the athletic fields to reduce the cost of water was discussed.

The heating system project is on hold pending the results of the next legislative session.

The contents of the annual compliance report were reviewed.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Johnson to approve the compliance report. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Old Business:

A quote to update the schools remaining cameras (16) was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Reimer, to accept the quote for the replacement of the remaining (16) cameras. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

New copiers are expected to be delivered on September 17th.

Valuations Northwest completed their inventory and facility appraisal the first week of September. We will not receive their report for about a month. NDIRF will be here on September 21st to appraise the buildings only. There is no cost to the NDIRF appraisal.

New Business:

Kelsey Olsen and Kara Frey have completed education requirements for pay lane changes.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Doehler to approve the pay lane increases for Kelsey Olsen from 16-5 ($60,500) to 16-6 ($61,000) and Kara Frey from 16-4 ($60,000) to 16-5 ($60,500). **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The Auditor business was conducted after financials.

The wellness committee met last week and updated the wellness plan.

The School District's State Annual Finance Report was reviewed.

MOTION by Reimer, seconded by Halley to approve the State Annual Financial Report as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The superintendent evaluation will need to be done at the October meeting since the November meeting is past the deadline.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday October 21st, 2026, at 7:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager