NORTH STAR PUBILC SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19TH, 2025

The School Board of North Star Public School District #10 met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, in room 101 of the school.

PRESENT: Jeremiah Halley, Chris Doehler, Jeremy Johnson, Jeana Jorde (left at 9:17 am), Michelle Gibbens, and Paul Wagenman. **NOT PRESENT**: Brooks Larson **Administration**: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. **Guests**: Kristin Hillier, Kaloni.

Board President Wagenman called the meeting to order at 7:00am; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review of the Agenda: No Changes

There was no public comment.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the July 22nd, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes.

Approve the Bills:

July and August 2025 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval.

The CC charges for July 2025, paid in August 2025 were presented.

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

Review Financial Reports:

Cash flow reports for June 2025 were reviewed for the Gen Fund, School Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, and After School Child Care Fund.

All interfund payable and receivable balances have been cleared except for $67,643 payable to the Gen Fund from the AF.

The Gen Fund was reimbursed for partial payroll expenses in the School Lunch ($26,330.69) fund and After School CC Fund ($2,804.01).

The first DPI Aid payment was received on July 31st for $278,908.49. A similar payment is expected at the end of August. Smaller tax revenue payments from Towner County and Rolette County were received in July and August.

Revenue and expenditure reports for July 2025 were available for review.

Elementary Principal Report: Projected enrollment is 161, down 10 from last year mainly due to a larger class moving to 7th grade.

Laurie Komrosky has agreed to teach in the Library every Wednesday for $14,200/yr (20% contract).

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Jorde to approve Laurie Komrosky as the Library teacher at $14,200/yr (20% contract). **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Pre-School is 9/16/25 to 4/30/26; 3 days/week. Lisa Held will be the new pre-school teacher at a 53% contract.

MOTION by Jorde, seconded by Johnson to approve Lisa Held as the Pre-School Teacher at a 53% contract. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

High School Principal Report: August enrollment is 125

Mr. Grande has received enough credits to move from 7-7 to 7-8 ($57,500) on the salary schedule.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Johnson to approve Daniel Grande salary change from 7-7 to 7-8 ($57,500). **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Zak-Newton Haselmo declined the special Ed Position; Mrs. JoLeen Johnson will be hired by LRSE with North Star reimbursing as a Special Education Technician while she works towards a master's degree in special education by Spring 2027.

15 students are enrolled in college Algebra second semester; 8 are enrolled for all dual credit courses.

Grades 5 and 9 will be attending Norsk Hostfest September 24th as a new cultural experience which is tied to our school improvement plan.

Parents provided positive feedback at the drivers ed meeting regarding having the classroom portion completed during the school year. 16 students are currently signed up.

Activities Director Report:

Fencing around the pond should be going up today.

The following have been hired as coaches: JH/C VB – Lindsy Masterson; JH AFB – Kodie vote; PWGBB – Jo Staus.

Will be using HUDL for streaming this year. The Booster Club will be asking for streaming donations to cover the cost on their yearly membership form. We will continue to charge to watch games until we reach breakeven. If we don't breakeven the plan would be to go back to NFHS.

Received the Armory Rental Contract. A change regarding maintenance and upkeep is pending prior to signing. The rate for the gymnasium increased from $15/HR to $30/HR. Baseball and Robotics are not allowed to use the facility. The board discussed asking for reconsideration for baseball to be able to use the facility.

Electricity has been run to the baseball field for the scoreboard. More fill is needed. A request has been made for the school to provide some financial support for the electrical installation and fill. Superintendent Hagler will get a clearer picture of the project financial status before any decisions are made. Board President Wagenman will ask Legacy if some asphalt fill material they have can be used.

Eligibility will be checked and determined on Friday for the following Monday thru Sunday.

Lake Region State college requested to play a women's and men's college basketball game at North Star on January 14th. Details are still being worked out but the concessions would most likely be ours with a split share on the gate proceeds.

Superintendent's Report by Mr. Hagler:

A preliminary budget for next year was reviewed and discussed. The State DPI Aid payment worksheet calculation was reviewed. We are not expecting any additional state aid from last year due to expected lower enrollment. Budget hearing is scheduled for next month's board meeting.

Bus inspections were completed last week. Any deficiencies have been rectified.

Tuition agreement waivers were presented: Bjornstad going from North Star to Starkweather; and Thompson going from Starkweather to North Star.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Halley to approve the Bjornstad and Thompson tuition waiver's. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Old Business:

The claim for the freezer failure has been denied since we do not have equipment failure coverage.

Our insurance coverage has been being reviewed and are working on adding new items to our insurance, mainly related to the new athletic complex. Board member Doehler has been assisting and provided some updates.

Board member Gibbens initiated a discussion regarding conflict of interest or even the appearance of a conflict of interest regarding employment at the insurance agency and updating coverage. Any changes are being reviewed and entered in by another person at the Agency (other than board member Doehler) and the school must also sign off on any changes.

Changing the schools health insurance representative was briefly touched on but was decided to be tabled until teacher representation could be included in exploring any health insurance options as well as inviting other insurance firms to make presentations on their services.

New Business:

A request was received from an open enrolled family to provide bus transportation or be reimbursed. The school is not required to provide bus transportation or reimbursement for open enrolled students. Concerns and challenges of providing the transportation were discussed. Board consensus was to not provide bus transportation (or reimbursement) at this time.

Paperwork was not previously submitted for the Bravera Bank Hurdle donation. All paperwork has been submitted but will now be receiving half of what was originally pledged.

Next meeting set for Wednesday, September 17th, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 am.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager