NORTH STAR PUBILC SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 18TH, 2026

The School Board of North Star Public School District #10 met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18th, 2026.

PRESENT: Mindy Reimer, Jeremy Johnson, Jeremiah Halley, Brooks Larson, Michelle Gibbens, and Paul Wagenman. **NOT PRESENT:** Chris Doehler **Administration**: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. **Guests**: Sara Walsh.

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

Review of the Agenda: No Changes

Public Comment: None

MOTION by Reimer, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of July 21st, 2026, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes.

Approve the Bills:

July 2026 and August 2026 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: $50,955.28 outstanding, $58,613.14 paid; School Lunch Fund: $1,588.61 outstanding; Activity Fund: $3,718.29 outstanding.

The CC charges for July 2026, paid in August 2026 were presented. GF Charges: $15,346.29; AF Charges: $7,366.37.

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

Review Financial Reports (as of 7/31/26):

A summary of all District banking and investment accounts as of July 31st, 2026, with comparison to the previous year was reviewed. The balance of all District accounts was $2,147,363.12 compared to $1,915,149.00 the previous year.

The balance of all General Fund (GF) accounts is $1,725,835.97 compared to $1,436,418.04. July 2026 cash receipts were $405,265.36 and expenditures were $251,644.26.

The Building Fund Balance is $164,541.09 compared to $127,926.11 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 $168,689.48 compared to $200,411.72 the previous year.

The School Lunch Fund balance is $31,936.31 as compared to $84,758.80.

The ASCC Fund balance is $2,498.68 compared to $13,888.86 last year.

Total checks outstanding for the district are $31,714.49 compared to $52,243.25 at the end of June.

The AF Fund balance report was available for review.

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

July total revenue across all funds was $329,014.57; Expenditures were $68,679.06.

26/27 fiscal year revenue was $329,014.57; Expenditures were $68,679.06. Net gain was $260,637.95.

TAX RECIEPTS: We received $47,463.63 of tax collections in July. We received a letter from Rolette County outlining errors (overpayments) they made in March and July. The March errors have been corrected and accounted for. July's error is still outstanding of $40.26.

STATE AID: The first state aid payment for the 26/27 school year of $251,126.64 was received in July.

GRANTS: Pending grant payments in the amount of $72,212.60 were received in July. The Title 1 24/25 and Title V 25/26 grants are now closed. The Title 1 25/26 grant has a carry-over of $14,387.07; NDCOUNTS state grant has $12,225.50 remaining; Infinite Campus state bridge grant is $7,931; the 26/27 Carl Perkins Grant award is $6,915.43; we do not know yet what our 26/27 CTE FACS grant is yet but is estimated at $5,000.

No objections were made to start using Positive Pay with our general fund checking account at Bravera Bank. Positive Pay is a fraud protection tool to protect against check fraud. The cost is $10/mo.

Principal's Reports:

Enrollment for elementary and pre-K is 138; HS enrollment is 125.

Schedules for the 26/27 school year were reviewed.

Back to School Night was a success with a good turnout.

Ms. Rosinski will join our staff as a para; The Pre-k and K student teacher will start in September.

Ms. Teubner has obtained a 2-yr provisional license in FACS; FACS classes offered include Child Development, Cultures and Cuisine, and 2 sections of Family living. Ms. Swanson will teach Child Development.

Dual Credit: 17 students are enrolled in dual credit College Algebra.

Activities Director Report:

We received two donations to purchase 20 football helmets. The helmets have been ordered.

A payment schedule for local officials comparing this year to last year was presented.

We are still looking for an FCCLA Advisor, PWBBB Assist Coach, and football clock keeper.

Attempts to cancel a large portion of our HUDL services and obtain an updated invoice were unsuccessful. We are only paying HUDL for the FB package due to a regional requirement.

Superintendent's Report

A preliminary budget for expenses and revenue is estimated to be around $4,432,000.

Levy: Possibilities for mil levies were discussed, primarily surrounding potential changes to taxable valuations.

Title I and V budgets were reviewed. We have also been awarded a REAP Grant for $3,123.

Valuations Northwest is coming on August 31st to conduct our facility appraisal and inventories. NDIRF has notified us they will be conducting their own appraisals this fall, but they do not do inventories. We anticipate this will be the last year we have Valuations Northwest come out.

The latest Fire Inspection findings were reviewed.

Our current policy HEAC, Management of Student Activities Funds, was reviewed and compared to the current recommended policy. The current policy states terminated activity funds will be transferred to the general fund of the school. The updated policy allows terminated activity fund balances to be reallocated within the Activity Fund, as needed, when a class graduates or a student activity is discontinued. Discussion centered around designating new activities and class funds as school activities via board recognition to distinguish between funds that should be treated as Agency funds.

MOTION by Reimer, seconded by Gibbens, to rescind the old HEAC policy and adopt the new HEAC policy, as discussed, and waive the 2nd reading. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Old Business:

NDTC has installed 6 additional cameras, 5 outside and 1 inside. The new cameras have added features and clearer pictures. Additional Grant funding to replace the older cameras is being pursued.

The 2nd payment for the roof project has not been paid yet. The contractor is waiting on some materials to finish the project.

New Business:

Three teachers will have lane changes to their contracts. Bethany Grande will increase form 9-3 (Step-Lane) to 9-4 ($500 inc.); Lavonne Haugen will increase from 21-3 to 21-4 ($500 inc.); and Hannah Roerick will increase from 9-4 to 9-6 ($1,000 inc.).

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Larson to approve the contracted teacher salary increases for Bethany Grande (9-3 to 9-4), Lavonne Haugen (21-3 to 21-4), and Hannah Roerick (9-4 to 9-6). **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

A new lease agreement for our printers and copiers was reviewed. The new lease would provide updated machines and additional capacity in the number of copies. The current lease amount is approximately $2,200 a month with the new lease costing around $2,450/month.

MOTION by Reimer, seconded by Johnson to approve the new printer/copier lease. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

After School Child Care fees were discussed.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Halley to increase After School Child Care Fees from $6.00/day to $6.50/day. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The adult school lunch price needs to increase from $4.75 to $4.80 as to not affect our state reimbursement rate.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Halley to approve the increase of the adult lunch price from $4.75 to $4.80 **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Reimer-yes; Johnson-yes; Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

We are still finalizing joining the State Food Coop contract with Sysco. A school lunch program review is scheduled for November.

Next meeting and Budget Hearing is set for Wednesday September 16th, 2026, at 7:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager