NORTH STAR PUBILC SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 18th, 2026

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

PRESENT: Jeremiah Halley, Brooks Larson, Chris Doehler, Jeremy Johnson, Michelle Gibbens (Left at 8:02), and Paul Wagenman. **NOT PRESENT**: Jeana Jorde **Administration**: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. **Guests**: Michelle Swanson, Carrie Moore.

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 Gibbens, to approve the minutes of the February 18th, 2026, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes.

Approve the Bills:

February 2026 and March 2026 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: $31,958.93 outstanding, $45,300.27 paid; School Lunch Fund: $16,846.57 outstanding; Activity Fund: $244.58 outstanding, $9,593.07 paid.

The CC charges for February 2026, paid in March 2026 were presented. GF Charges: $1,444.28; AF Charges: $2,394.98; Total: $3,966.13.

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

Review Financial Reports:

Cash flow reports for February 2026 and March 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 to date are $610,279.17, February Tax Receipts were $360,455.05. March (Paid in Feb) DPI Aid payment was $210,222.62. TITLE Funds received in February: Title I-$17,520; Title V-$3,658.09; NDCOUNTS State Grant-$7,775. Current fund balance with CD's and Savings is $2,663,142.49.

Building fund balance is $120,455.08; Reserve fund balance is $53,537.07.

The 1st United Bank CD matures on 4/21/26. Current CD value is $406,508.57. At maturity the CD will be broken into 2 CDs. This, along with the other GF CDs, will create a every 3-month maturity ladder with maturities in Aug, Nov, Feb, and May.

School Lunch Program: DPI Claim payments were $10,122.95 for March and $10,762.15 for February. Current fund balance is $53,391.53.

ASCC Billings were mailed on 3/11/26 for a total of $984. Total billed to date is $7,362; Total received to date is $4,571; Outstanding receivables are $2,791. Current fund balance is $6,078.06.

AF: Current Fund Balance is $70,218.82.

Revenue and expenditure reports for February 2026: Gen Fund Total Revenue received in February = $605,165.23; Gen Fund Total Expenditures for February = $418,645.90.

A fiscal year comparison summary of total expenditures, % of Budget, and Fuel/Coal/Electricity/Sewer costs as of February 31st of each year were available for review.

Principal's Reports:

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

Elementary attendance was 93.4% for the past month and 95.68% year to date; HS Attendance was 93.85% for the past month and 94.6% year to date.

Preschool screening was conducted on February 25th. Letters have been sent out.

Mr. Hagler (Jacob) gave an update on the Standards Based Grading training. Ms. Reiser updated on teacher discussions regarding the transition away from A+, A, A-, B, etc. grading scheme and their thoughts on Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

The 2026/27 Class Schedule is due in PowerSchool at the end of the month and will be available next month.

We have a pre-school student that requires special ed. We are not equipped to handle the students' needs so they will be going to Devils Lake 3 x a week. Since the student is a resident of our district, we are required to provide transportation and will be reimbursing the family.

Upcoming school events were reviewed.

Activities Director Report:

Spring sport practices are starting. Track started on Monday. Baseball and Boys Golf will start when weather conditions allow. There are still some discussions going on to hopefully allow the baseball team to use the Armory, nothing official yet.

Over 40 kids are signed up for Track. The new head coach is Payton Granger with Sydney Staus and Jodi Erickstad as assistant coaches. The salary schedule allows for 4 coaches which we may need with the numbers of participants.

The GBB for next year is complete and available for review.

The superintendent and board discussed whether to continue with HUDL for athletic team webcasting or switch back to NFHS. Everyone agreed to go back to NFHS due to the lower cost and improvements they have made including the availability of an addon for analyzing games.

UNIFORMS: A BSN quote to purchase 26 home and 26 away uniforms for football was reviewed. Uniforms purchased in the previous 2 school years were purchased out of the individual sports activity fund, whereas previously, uniforms were purchased from the general fund and/or with donations. Via discussion, consensus was reached to continue purchasing uniforms out of the general fund/donations and reimburse the athletic sport team funds for any uniforms purchased in the past 2 school years.

A BSN 5-year contract offering discounts was presented and reviewed. The contract would require us to buy our uniforms through them and set up an on-line store. We have already been buying our uniforms through them and after consultation with the Booster Club the online store should not negatively affect them.

An NDHSAA Board of Director bylaw addition regarding eligibility of a student transferring and re-transferring between schools was reviewed. Mr. Hagler plans to vote yes. No objections were made by the board.

The events and results of fundraising for the BBB State Tournament were reviewed. There has been a great generosity of the community in supporting the BBB team in fundraising for the state tournament.

Superintendent's Report

We do not have any official time for NW Valuation's to conduct our property appraisal and inventory yet but is anticipated to be late spring or this summer.

The pros and cons of a four-day school week for students and staff were discussed. Leeds did not send in an application, but Maddock did but has not been officially accepted due to questions by the state. It is possible the legislature may act regarding this issue in the next legislative session. No action is being taken by North Star currently.

Next month's board meeting agenda will include the long-term planning meeting. No special meeting is required.

We received our initial Title I review comments back and our making corrections. We are scheduled to meet with DPI on April 9th. Some policies are required to be updated or added as part of the corrections: KAB- District and Family Engagement Policy (update) and the addition of two schedules to ABCD records retention policy. All policy updates were reviewed.

MOTION by Halley, seconded by Doehler, to rescind the current KAB policy (District and Family Engagement Policy) and replace it with KAB.2 and waive the second reading. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-Y; Larson-Y; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-NP; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Larson, to add schedule ABCD-E1, Records Retention Schedule, and ABCD-E2, Resolution for Record Destruction, and waive the second reading. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-Y; Larson-Y; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-NP; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The administrative guideline, "North Star Federal Programs Dispute Resolution and Grievance Procedures", used in connection with our policy FDB-BR, was reviewed and discussed. A commitment to issuing a resolution to a complaint within 15 days of receiving it was added.

An open enrollment application for a student leaving our district was reviewed. No action required.

Old Business:

Carrie Moore, from Lake Region State College, shared her knowledge by reviewing programs and options for Agriculture, CTE, and work-based educational/training for students. She provided a packet of information for all the options discussed. The board members will be provided with copies to review and further discuss at the next meeting.

Election Calendar: Candidacy packets for anyone wishing to run for a school board seat are due no later than 4 p.m. on April 6th. A Statement of Intent and a Statement of Interest are required as part of the packet.

New Business:

Schedule Change: The late start scheduled for May 6th was moved to an early out on April 1st.

The negotiations committee will need to meet, usually in late April, to discuss administrator contracts and Ancillary Staff agreements for next year.

The state superintendent will be visiting North Star on May 8th. The current schedule was provided but is subject to change. Boad Members and patrons are encouraged to attend.

Johnson Controls planned service continuation agreement was reviewed.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 am.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager