NORTH STAR PUBILC SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 15TH, 2025

The School Board of North Star Public School District #10 met in regular session on Monday, December 15th, 2025, in the school library.

PRESENT: Jeremiah Halley, Brooks Larson, Chris Doehler, Jeremy Johnson, Jeana Jorde, and Paul Wagenman. **NOT PRESENT**: Michelle Gibbens **Administration**: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. **Guests**: Bethany Grande.

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

Review of the Agenda: No Changes

Public Comment: None

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Jorde, to approve the minutes of the November 19th, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes. (GIBBENS NP)

Approve the Bills:

October and November 2025 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: $78,133.75; After School Child Care: None; School Lunch Fund: $15,556.91; Activity Fund: $9,625.03. TOTAL: $103,315.69.

The CC charges for November 2025, paid in December 2025 were presented. GF Charges: $5,656; AF Charges: $761.34; Total: $4,894.66.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Halley, to approve payment of outstanding invoices and invoices paid as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-not present; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Review Financial Reports:

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

GF: Tax Receipts received in November were from Towner and Benson County, December were from Towner and Ramsey County. December DPI Aid payment was $210,22.62 and is expected to remain the same for the rest of the year. Current fund balance with CD's and Savings is $1,738,412.71.

School Lunch Program: DPI Claim payments were $10,900.97 for November and $8,950.35 for December. Current fund balance is $57,014.65.

ASCC Billings were mailed on 12/03/25 for a total receivable of $972. Total billed to date is $4,440; Total received to date is $1,482; Outstanding receivables are $2,958. Current fund balance is $3,458.91.

AF: Net fund balances continue to improve each month; Activity fund CD matures tomorrow and will be liquidated. Current Fund Balance with CD and Savings is $64,452.76.

Revenue and expenditure reports for November 2025 were available for review. Gen Fund Total Revenue= $218,507.87; Gen Fund Total Expenditures were $421,730.90.

Sweep Account: Bravera Bank approached us about switching to a sweep account for our Gen Fund checking Account. The switch will provide a higher level of FDIC coverage and give us an additional half a percentage of interest. Our Auditor is fine with sweep accounts so we will be making the switch.

Principal's Reports:

The current elementary enrollment is 154: HS enrollment is 124. No change from last month.

Elementary attendance is 96.8% for the past month and 96.8% year to date; HS Attendance is 94.9% for the past month and 95.6% year to date.

The HS Principal presented an updated recommended change to the Dual Credit course after further consultation with staff. The recommendation change would require Seniors and Juniors to take at least 5 credits from another institution if they are going to be allowed a period during the day to work on the courses.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Larson, to approve the dual credit course requirement for Seniors and Juniors to take at least 5 credits from another institution to be allowed a period during the day to work on courses. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-Not Present; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The HS principal brought up additional thoughts and ideas on how to incorporate agricultural and other vocational/work experience opportunities for students. Ideas included workplace readiness, Cooperative work Experience, and local internships (paid or unpaid). Options would allow 1 or 2 periods a day. Guidelines would need to be established. Discussion and feedback by the board was positive and thought it was worth pursuing.

Activities Director Report:

A co-op of Minnewaukan and Warwick in VB will be joining our district and we are required to play them. Schedules for next year are already complete. A request has been made to NDHSAA to allow us to play an additional game to avoid dropping another team already on our schedule. A decision is expected in January.

Superintendent's Report

BUDGET: The final mill levies for the year were available for review. The amount of dollars levied has not changed and remains at $1,730,000 from when it was approved in September. The actual mils will change to account for any differences in valuations across the counties.

Policy updates for FDE – Education of Special Education Students and FF – Student Conduct and Discipline were presented and reviewed.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Jorde, to rescind the old policy, approve the new policy and waive the 2nd reading for Policy FDE – Education of Special Education Students. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-Not Present; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Jorde, to rescind the old policy, approve the new policy and waive the 2nd reading for Policy FF – Student Conduct and Discipline. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-Not Present; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

We hired a new Cook Helper and she is working out well.

There Superintendent discussed feedback received on determining whether to cancel school, start late, or get out early because of weather. There are no set rules, and the geographical size of our district poses issues where weather can vary significantly from one location to another within the district.

Old Business:

D and D Roofing has been notified that their bid was accepted. They require a 50% down payment. We are waiting on their invoice prior to making any payments.

Some people are upset about not being able to use the Armory for baseball practice in the spring. There appears to be a misunderstanding that baseball created some black marks on the floor last year, when it was Robotics. Practice schedules are also now required to be submitted on Monday, the week before, when previously accepted on a Thursday. Schedules often change when submitted that early.

The board discussed some comments that were made at the most recent County Commissioners' meeting regarding the Armory, including the possibility of it being given to the school.

The board was briefed on recent discussions with heating experts regarding options for the schools heating system including propane and rooftop systems. Additional information is still being gathered.

Board member Jorde left the meeting at 8:20 am.

New Business:

Standard Based Grading: The HS and Elementary principal briefed the board on switching to Standard Based Grading for K through 8th grade. 80% of districts in the state already use it for the lower grades. There is a proposed legislative bill to require it and makes sense to make the switch with the implementation of Infinite Campus from Power School. A consultant has been found to assist the school in the transition beginning with Math first semester next year followed by Reading the 2nd Semester and all other subjects the following year. HS is not included primarily due to transcript and GPA college entrance requirements.

A NS Winter Olympics cultural event is planned for January 29th through February 6th and participation from some of the board members was requested for the opening and closing ceremonies. The Goal is to teach students about different cultures around the world through a memorable experience.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 21st, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager