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

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

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

Board President Wagenman called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Review of the Agenda: No Changes

Public Comment: None

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the January 21st, 2026 meeting, with the noted change to Board Members present. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes.

Approve the Bills:

January 2026 and February 2026 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: $120,075.59 outstanding, $45,316.71 paid; After School Child Care: $334.69 outstanding; School Lunch Fund: $26,197.24 outstanding; Activity Fund: $1,823.59 outstanding, $9,768.73 paid.

The CC charges for January 2026, paid in February 2026 were presented. GF Charges: $3,693.43; AF Charges: $10,176.19, includes $6,808.60 for laser cutter (Robotics); SLP: $75.38; ASCC: $100.16; Foundation: $10.00 Total: $14,055.16.

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

Review Financial Reports:

Cash flow reports for January 2026 and February 2026 to date were reviewed for the Gen Fund, School Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, and After School Child Care Fund.

GF: January 2026 Tax Receipts were $335,106.70, February Tax Receipts to date are $331,170.91. January DPI Aid payment was $210,222.62. FACS CTE funds: $5,411.18 received in January. TITLE Funds received in February: Title I-$17,520; Title V-$3,658.09; Current fund balance with CD's and Savings is $2,166,821.91. A CD at First State Bank of Cando matured on 2/13/26. CD was rolled with a new maturity date of 2/13/27, interest rate of 3.45%.

Building fund balance is $103,117.44; Reserve fund balance is $51,745.47.

School Lunch Program: DPI Claim payments were $7,984,51 for January and $10,762.15 for February. Current fund balance is $62,488.14.

ASCC Billings were mailed on 2/10/26 for a total of $1,170. Total billed to date is $6,378; Total received to date is $4,391; Outstanding receivables are $1,987. Current fund balance is $6,262.91.

AF: Current Fund Balance is $63,016.12.

Revenue and expenditure reports for January 2026 were available for review. Gen Fund Total Revenue received in January = $540,492.58; Gen Fund Total Expenditures for January = $368,953.01.

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

Principal's Reports:

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

Elementary attendance was 94.61% for the past month and 96.05% year to date; HS Attendance was 93.85% for the past month and 94.87% year to date.

The K-12 Olympic Cultural Event was a success and many thanks to those that participated.

Parent/Teacher conferences attendance: HS-40.3%; Elementary-86% (does not include 3rd Grade, they will be making theirs up)

Upcoming school events were reviewed.

Activities Director Report:

The HS Activities association is allowing us an extra VB match for the 2026 season to fit Minnewaukan/Warwick in the schedule. Next year's schedule was available for review.

The BBB schedule is complete and was available for review. 2 games still need to be scheduled to complete the GBB schedule.

Superintendent's Report

NW Valuation appraisal proposal was available for review. The last full appraisal was done in 2017/18. Appraisals are recommended every 5-8 years. Not having a current appraisal leads to under Insurance of the schools' facilities due to not having updated replacement costs. If the appraisal is not updated the district could be responsible for a significant amount of dollars if a facility is destroyed. The cost of the appraisal is just under $10,000. All board members present agreed it was prudent to go ahead with the appraisal as proposed.

The results of the fire alarm and control system inspection by Johnson Controls were available for review. Some issues were found that are being corrected. They will be back, to verify the deficiencies are resolved. Their labor to come back and recheck is part of their contract.

The kitchen had an inspection on Feb 5th. The inspection report was available for review. A couple things were corrected on site.

Open Enrollment and Tuition Waivers:

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Johnson, to approve the open enrollment request for Connor Solseth and Aleigha Solseth to attend North Star for the 26/27 school year. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Johnson, to approve the open enrollment request for Clint Peterson to attend North Star for the 26/27 school year. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Lake Region Special Education is asking if we wish to continue with 1 day of social work for the next school year.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Doehler, to approve the purchase of 1-day of social work from Lake Region Special Education for the 26/27 school year. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

4-Day Weeks: A couple of area schools are looking at four day weeks for the 26/27 school year. Superintendent Hagler has been approached by a couple of people. This is not possible for next year since the application is due March 1, 2026. Pros and cons were presented and discussed. The board did not form an opinion one way or the other. No action was taken or recommended by the board at this time.

Old Business:

Standards based training was held on 2/4/26. Upcoming training dates and fees for the training were presented and reviewed.

No updates to upgrade the school's heating systems were available. Analysis of options is still ongoing.

The board members reviewed the Superintendents Evaluation results.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Gibbens, to approve the Superintendent's evaluation. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

There were no discussions regarding Ag/CTE/Work Based Learning.

New Business:

The School Board Election calendar was available for review. Board Members Johnson (Bisbee-Egeland) and Jorde (Cando) seats are up for re-election this year. Paperwork for anyone wishing to run for one of these seats is due no later than April 6th.

We have been receiving Midco TV free for a long time. Due to upgrades, we will now be required to pay for the service. Discussion led to the conclusion to cancel the service due to limited use.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager