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

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

PRESENT: Jeremiah Halley, Brooks Larson, Chris Doehler, Jeremy Johnson, Jeana Jorde, Michelle Gibbens, and Paul Wagenman. **Administration**: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. **Guests**: Cassi Snyder, Daniel Grande, Kaloni Berg.

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

Review of the Agenda: No Changes

Public Comment: None

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Doehler to approve the minutes of the September 17th, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** all responding yes.

Approve the Bills:

September and October 2025 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: $71,378.89; School Lunch Fund: $27,728.94; Activity Fund: $12,836.09. TOTAL: $111,943.90

A separate invoice for the TCRH was presented for approval up to $1,026.41; Reconciliation of the account is still in progress, and an August statement was not received.

The CC charges for September 2025, paid in October 2025 were presented. GF Charges: $7,451.04; AF Charges: $1,566.25; Total: $9,017.27.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Johnson 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-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Review Financial Reports:

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

Two Title I claims have been made and payment received for a total of $13,824.46.

The next DPI Aid payment, expected at the end of October, will be less than last month but is estimated $505,000.

ASCC Billings were mailed on 10/09/25 for a total receivable of $1,890.

Revenue and expenditure reports for September 2025 were available for review. The budget numbers were entered and are now shown in the reports.

The Auditor was on site on 09/29/25 and reviewed the documentation for selected checks for the 22/23 and 23/24 school years.

Principal's Reports:

Elementary current enrollment is 156: HS enrollment is 126.

Elementary attendance is 97.59% for the past month and 97.31% year to date; HS Attendance is 96.3% for the past month and 96.3 year to date.

ND A+ Interim Assessment 1 results for reading and math were presented with a comparison to the state average. North Star students performed well, meeting or exceeding the state averages in most grades.

Parent Teacher conferences are November 6th, 2025, from 3 PM to 9 PM.

Activities Director Report:

Football Program: Survey numbers for students interested in football were presented. Discussion surrounded whether to stay 9-man or reclassify to 6-man next year. Fines are a possibility if the district switches "mid-(2YR) Plan" with minimum penalties of $14,000. Reclassification can be done for the next 2yr plan if notified by September 15th next year. Mr. Grande discussed the team is building more confidence and will have more senior players next year. Returning players at other schools do not cause any concern for competitiveness to stay 9-man next year. Board consensus is to stay 9-man and continue to encourage current players to continue playing and encourage others on the fence to play. Finding ways to encourage players from Leeds to COOP was also part of the discussion.

Superintendent's Report by Mr. Hagler:

BUDGET: Some updates to the budget were made after further review with the Business Manager. Both total expenses and revenue increased. The most significant change was an increase to operation and maintenance budget due to some issues with the Boiler. Revenue increased from $4,453,586 to $4,481,400.95 and expenditures increased from $4,488,232 to $4,530,332.03. Budget deficit is now $48,930.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Halley to approve the budget changes as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

A projected bill for one of our students to attend New Outlooks was available for review. The cost is $3,970.

The coal bid from 2 Gates Trucking was presented. 2 Gates would like us to pay for the coal directly and then pay them $100/ton freight to deliver it.

MOTION by Larson, seconded by Halley to approve the 2 Gates Trucking bid. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Training introducing the implementation of Infinite Campus is scheduled for Thursday. Infinite Campus is a software program that will be replacing PowerSchool and STARS beginning with the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Old Business:

Armory Rental Agreements: Two separate armory agreements were reviewed. One for classroom use at $500/month and another for use of the gym for $30/hr. The classroom use agreement did not

change from the previous contract. The gym usage agreement rate has doubled from $15 to $30/hr while not allowing baseball or robotics to use the gym area. Between the rate increase and the usage of the gym being restricted there was some reluctancy by the board to approve. There was some discussion on reviving a past offer to pay to have a new gym floor put in as well as continuing discussions with the county to gain back usage for robotics and baseball.

MOTION by Jorde, seconded by Halley to approve the two armory rental agreements. **ROLL CALL VOTE**: Halley-yes; Larson-yes; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- yes; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Roof: A call for bids has been sent out to 4 companies and published in the Record herald to have another section of the roof done in the spring or summer of 2026. Bids are due by November 10th, 2025, to be opened at the November 19th meeting of the Board.

The superintendent's evaluation results were reviewed.

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

New Business:

The north boiler has a leak. We are waiting for an estimate to repair it.

Vo Ag: Options to incorporate a Vo Ag program at the school were discussed. Options include coop with Leeds, or Devils Lake programs; finding a Vo Ag instructor to share; hiring our own Vo Ag teacher; or using a local expert that could qualify for a teaching permit. Class scheduling at the district may be a challenge to incorporating Vo Ag opportunities, especially if we coop with another District. Options will continue to be explored.

The district Christmas Party will be at the Harvest grill on Saturday December 13th from 8 to 11 or 7 to 10 pm. There will be appetizers and Karaoke.

The December board meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday December 17th to Monday December 15th at 7 a.m. due to the superintendent not being able to attend on the 17th.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, at 5:00 PM .

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 am.

Paul Wagenman, President

Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager