

**MINNESOTA NORTH STAR ACADEMY**  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2008

**Board Members Present:** Allan Amis, Barb Boelter, Bobbi Cordano, Kristin Cuta, Matt Mikulski, Susan Outlaw, Alex Zeibot, Mary Zweber

**Director:** Kim Kause

**Interpreters:** Amy Amundsen, Gina Alvarado

**Note taker:** Barb Boelter, Secretary

<b>Call to Order</b>
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The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Board President, Bobbi Cordano.

<b>Consent Agenda</b>
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The March 19, 2008, meeting minutes were tabled until the May meeting.

<b>Director's Report (Kause)</b>
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The Director's Report was reviewed and discussed. Kause added that Jessalyn Frank from CSD will hold three workshops for students regarding Domestic Violence. It was decided that an outline of the presentations will be provided to parents.

Funding will be ending for the Minnesota Charter Schools Special Education Project. A new organization has been established to continue to provide special education services for charter schools, Innovative Special Education Services of MN (ISES of MN).

**Motion No. 06-101:** Boelter moved that Minnesota North Star Academy enter into a contract with ISES of MN to provide Special Education Director Services for the year ending June 30, 2009. Outlaw seconded. Motion passed.

Kause announced that three North Star students had received awards in the Gallaudet University National ASL Competition. One student took second place and 2 students received Honorable Mention.

## Policies

Policies No. 412 Expense Reimbursement, No. 420 Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and Certain Other Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions, No. 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person, and No. 709 Student Transportation and Safety Policy, were reviewed and discussed. Policy No. 414, Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, and Policy No. 415, Mandatory Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, which had been tabled from the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, were also discussed. In Policy No. 709, Kause will be designated the School Transportation Safety Director. Kause will develop procedures to fulfill North Star's responsibilities under all policies.

**Motion No. 06-101:** Cordano moved to approve Policies No. 412 Expense Reimbursement, No. 420 Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and Certain Other Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions, No. 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person, No. 709 Student Transportation and Safety Policy, Policy No. 414, Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, and Policy No. 415, Mandatory Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, as amended. Mikulski seconded. Motion passed.

## By-Laws - Zweber

Zweber proposed amending the By-Laws Section 3.2, Elections, to change the date and process for election of Board members.

**Motion No. 06-102:** Zweber moved to amend Section 3.2 as follows:

Elections of Board members will be held annually on the third Tuesday of May, from 7:00 am to 7 pm at Minnesota North Star Academy. At this time, eligible voters may vote on other issues that are determined by the Board to require membership approval. Elections shall be conducted using secret ballot at the school as follows:

1) Ballots shall be sent by email and/or US Mail, if elected by the member and

2) Ballots shall be returned to the designated person appointed by the Board either a) in person, b) by fax, c) by US Post, or d) by emailing a signed PDF file.

Such balloting shall remain confidential. Each voter shall be allowed only one vote, regardless of the number of youth attending the school, or positions held. Votes shall be tallied and publicized by the person designated by the Board to receive Ballots. Newly elected Board members from the May election shall assume office at the first Board meeting of the following fiscal year. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Board may elect to hold a special election at any time during the year. Special elections shall follow the election procedures described above, except that newly elected Board members from a special election shall assume office immediately. The special election may not take the place of the regularly held election in May."

Outlaw seconded. Motion passed.

### **Board Election**

**Motion No. 6-103:** Mikulski moved to recommend a slate of Barb Boelter, Bobbi Cordano, and Susan Outlaw to the members for election at the election to be held May 15, 2008. Cuta seconded. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Personnel Committee:** The new salary schedule has been developed.

**Motion No. 06-104:** Zweber moved to approve the new salary schedule for school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. Mikulski seconded. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee:** (Mikulski): The committee report was reviewed and discussed.

**Facilities Committee:** (Amis): The committee did not meet.

## Task Force

The joint Task Force from MNSA and MDS met on April 15, 2008. Zweber shared results from ongoing discussions regarding future collaboration.

**Motion No. 06-105:** Mikulski moved that MDS and MNSA contract with Management Assistance Project (MAP) to handle the next phase of negotiation regarding the terms and plans for a potential merger of the two schools. Ziebot seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2008.