

**MINNESOTA NORTH STAR ACADEMY**  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2008

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

**Director:** Kim Kause

**Interpreter:** Gina Alvarado

**Note taker:** Barb Boelter, Secretary

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Board President, Bobbi Cordano.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion No. 126:** Mikulski moved to accept the minutes from the meeting of November 25, 2008. Cordano seconded. Motion passed.

**Director's Report (Kause)**

The Director's Report was reviewed and discussed.

One New Student enrolled from Silver Bay, WI. He is living with another North Star family.

**Policies**

Policies No. 413 Harassment and Violence and No. 400M Student Residential Conditions were reviewed and discussed. Policy No. 400M has been discussed with staff.

**Motion No. 127:** Amis moved to approve Policy No. 413 Harassment and Violence, as amended. Outlaw seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion No. 128:** Boelter moved to approve Policy No. 400M Student Residential Conditions. Zweber seconded. Motion passed.

## Committees

Personnel Committee (Cordano) The Committee discussed the possibility of moving Kause's review date to coincide with MDS's review dates and revising her contract term to go from January, 2008, until December 31, 2009.

Kause's contract was reviewed and discussed. Language changes regarding roles and responsibilities and salary adjustment were revised.

**Motion No. 129:** Cuta moved to approve Kause's employment contract. Damrow seconded. Motion passed with Boelter abstaining.

The Resolutions of the MNSA Board of Directors regarding the merger with MDS were reviewed and discussed, with minor language changes made.

**Motion No. 130:** Cordano moved to adopt the Resolutions of the MNSA Board of Directors regarding merging into MDS. It is in the best interests of deaf/ deaf blind and hard of hearing children that this merger move forward. Outlaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee (Mikulski)

The Finance Committee report was reviewed and discussed.

It was decided that the Auditor will not come to a board meeting to describe the audit report, as it is not required.

MNSA will designate MSDLAF for Depository funds, along with Wells Fargo.

**Motion 131:** Boelter moved to approve the transfer of \$1685.00 from the school's Operating account to the Food Service fund. Outlaw Seconded. Motion passed.

Auditor issued a non-qualified opinion, which is good.

## **Task Force Update (Kause and Zweber)**

Mary read and discussed the Exhibit 7 of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, The Disclosure Schedule of MNSA, in detail. It will be delivered to the Surviving Corporation at Closing.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The next meeting will Wednesday, January 21, 2008, due to the school holiday on Monday, January 19, 2008