

**MINNESOTA NORTH STAR ACADEMY**  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 19, 2008

**Board Members Present:** Barb Boelter, Bobbi Cordano, Kristin Cuta, Matt Mikulski, and Mary Zweber

**Absent:** Allan Amis, Susan Outlaw, Alex Zeibot

**Director:** Kim Kause

**Interpreters:** Amy Amundsen, Gina Alvarado

**Note taker:** Barb Boelter, Secretary

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Board President, Bobbi Cordano.

**Consent Agenda**

The March 19, 2008, and April 21, 2008 meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed.

**Motion No. 06-106:** Mikulski moved to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2008 meeting as presented and the minutes from the April 21, 2008 meeting as amended. Cuta seconded. Motion passed.

**Board Election (Zweber)**

Barb Boelter, Bobbi Cordano and Susan Outlaw have been elected to the Board for a three (3) year term ending June 30, 2011.

**Director's Report (Kause)**

The Director's Report was reviewed and discussed.

**Motion No. 06-107:** Boelter moved that Minnesota North Star Academy will renew the contract with the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS) for the 2008-2009 school year. Mikulski seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding switching from block scheduling to periods for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Motion No. 06-108:** Zweber moved to change the start and end of the school day for the 2008-2009 school year. The school day will begin at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The current block scheduling will change to a daily class period schedule. Boelter seconded. Motion passed.

## **Policies**

Policies No. 410, Family & Medical Leave and No. 506, Student Discipline, were reviewed and discussed.

**Motion No. 06-109:** Mikulski moved to approve Policies No. 410, Family & Medical Leave and No. 506, Student Discipline. Cuta seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding a possible Board retreat to discuss Crisis Management and a school communication plan.

## **Task Force (Zweber)**

Zweber and Mikulski met with two representatives from MAP for Nonprofits, Suzanne Pearl and Ron Reed. They will assist in facilitating future meetings of the joint Task Force from North Star and Metro Deaf School.

Kause summarized a meeting held among Cordano and Kause from MNSA and Dyan Sherwood and Tom Anderson from Metro Deaf School. MAP facilitated this meeting and discussed how they can assist in the merger process.

The Business Plan for Minnesota North Star Academy has been completed.

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:** (Mikulski): The committee report was reviewed and discussed. The budget for the 2008-2009 school year was presented and discussed.

**Motion No. 06-110:** Zweber moved to approve the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Cuta seconded. Motion passed.

North Star still has approximately \$15,000 in holdback from the State. The Finance Committee is not certain if or when this amount will be received.

The current cash position is good.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 16, 2008.