

Northern Lights Community School

December School Board Meeting

12/17/2019

Mission Statement: *Northern Lights Community School will create a safe, small, and enthusiastic learning community in which all students are known well, taught as individuals, and encouraged to be good stewards of our environment.*

At 3:31pm, S.Zozgornik motioned to open start the board meeting, K.Howell 2nd the motion. All in agreement of motion. The motion was carried.

Board Members Present: D.Hanson-Kaasa, J.Pitts, K.Fleming - name change as of today's board meeting, to be reflected as K.Howell, S.Zozgornik, A.Love, and A.Norton

Board Member Absent: S.Eichorn

Others in Attendance: Mike Hamernick – Northern Lights Community School Director, Becky McCauley – Northern Lights Community School Business Manager

Mission Statement read by the School Board Chair, J.Pitts

Approval of Agenda: MAC's Membership Zoom meeting will be rescheduled for a later time. This #7 item is replaced by Grant Proposal, Race to Reduce. D.Hanson-Kaasa made the motion to approve the agenda with these changes. K.Howell 2nd this motion. The motion was carried.

Consent Agenda: No changes to the Consent Agenda. D.Hanson-Kaasa motioned to approve consent agenda, A.Norton 2nd the motion. The motion was carried.

Closed Meeting 1: Motion made by A.Love to close the meeting based on MN State Statute 121A.47, subdivision 5: Student Exclusion. S.Zozgornik 2nd the motion. Meeting was closed at 3:43pm. Motion to open the meeting by S.Zozgornik at 3:50pm. 2nd motion by A.Norton. The motion was carried, and meeting was opened. The decision was to exclude student through this 2019-2020 school year.

Closed Meeting 2: Motion made by K.Howell to close the meeting based on MN State Statute 121A.47, subdivision 5: Student Exclusion. D.Hanson-Kaasa 2nd the motion. Meeting was closed at 3:52pm. S.Zozgornik made a motion to open the meeting at 4:01pm. 2nd motion by K.Howell. The motion was carried, and the meeting was opened. The decision was made to exclude the student through the 2019-2020 school year.

Treasurer's Report: T.Netzke, the Northern Lights Community School Financial Consultant participated via telephone to review the Treasurer's Report with the board members. There was a question at the November 2019 Board Meeting on the Expenditures Report - Purchased Services #340, 'Pupil Transportation Insurances' regarding October 19, 2019 percentage of budget expended. The Finance Committee has addressed this and is found in the Consent Agenda-Finance Meeting Minutes. S.Zozgornik motioned to approve the Treasure's Report, A.Norton 2nd the motion. The motion was carried.

K.Howell made a motion to approve the 2019 Audited Annual Financial Report. S.Zozgornik 2nd the motion. The motion was carried.

Grant Proposal – Race to Reduce: A concern was discussed about how the City of Warba Board will vote regarding this project with the grant funds. The project incorporates the building of an observation deck and wetlands. J.Pitts made a motion to table this grant until there is a plan in place for addressing the process and facility changes and that the City of Warba has approved this project. S.Zozgornik 2nd this motion. The motion was carried.

PSEO Exceptions: M.Hamernick discussed that 3 students have recently requested the ability to do PSEO next semester. The budgeting for PSEO for this 2019-2020 school year was decided by the end of May 2019. These 3 students were not in the original budget. The 3 students were not present at this board meeting to seek PSEO exception.

Annual Declaration of Electronic Transfer Authorization: The current Authorizer is B.McCauley. Motion made by D.Hanson-Kaasa to declare B.McCauley to be our Electronic Funds Transfer Authorizer with T.Netzke, Financial Advisor, as our backup. K.Howell 2nd this motion. The motion was carried.

Director’s Report: Report was provided to the School Board by the Director, M.Hamernick.

Policy Committee Report:

- a. Policy 740 – Bidding, Purchasing, and Payment – 1st read, changes in red.
- b. Policy 522 – Student Sex Nondiscrimination – Review, No changes.
- c. Policy 732 – Electronic Funds Transfer – 1st read, changes in red.
- d. Policy 612 – Parent Involvement – Review, No changes other than typo corrections under Section I, Section III A, Section III A.2, Section IV B.3.A, and Section IV C.

S.Zozgornik made motion to approve 1st read of Policy 740 and 732. K.Howell 2nd the motion. The motion was carried.

Hiring Procedures: There is no current policy in place for guiding the hiring procedure. Hiring is at the discretion of the Director. The Policy Committee could consider creating a hiring policy.

Board Item Calendar: At the next board meeting there will be an Environmental update. Board Evaluations should also be discussed.

Board Training: Training ‘Ways Your Board can get in Trouble Without Even Trying’ from the Charter School Board University, Chapter 24. D.Hanson-Kaasa will present board training at the January 2020 board meeting.

S.Zozgornik made a motion to adjourn the School Board Meeting. A.Norton seconded the motion. The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:26pm

The next School Board Meeting will take place on January 28th, 2020 at 3:30pm in the Northern Lights Community School Conference Room.