

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Jennifer Jefferson at eight o' one a.m. (8:01 a.m.) on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at St. Germain Elementary/NPMLC in the Principal's office. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Karen Weber-Mendham (via Google Meet), Emilie Braunel (via Google Meet), Jennifer Jefferson (via Google Meet), Cheryl Todea (via Google Meet), and Laura Rozga (via phone). Quorum was established. Also present were Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal, Carie Brock, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS Principal (via Google Meet, left at 8:35), Ann Perry, Lead Teacher SOAR HS (via Google Meet), Scott Foster, District Administrator (via Google Meet), and recording secretary, Michele Hotmar.

Open Meeting Verification – Jennifer Jefferson stated that the meeting had been duly called with meeting notices posted at the following locations:

1. The Northland Pines High School and Middle School in Eagle River
2. The Northland Pines Elementary Schools in Eagle River, Land O' Lakes and St. Germain
3. The Vilas County Courthouse – Eagle River
4. The Eagle River City Hall
5. The Vilas County News Review-Eagle River

Approval of Agenda – MOTION by Laura Rozga that the Board approves the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Cheryl Todea. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Public Participation – There were no citizen comments.

Minutes of Past Meetings – MOTION by Cheryl Todea that the Board dispenses with the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2020 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Jennifer Jefferson. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Board Communication – None

Administrative Report:

Tony Duffek - NPMLC: Written report

Carie Brock - SOAR MS: Written report

Ann Perry – SOAR HS: Written report

Scott Foster – Recognized the hard work of staff and gave a shout out to all the graduating seniors.

Finance Update: Each Charter School presented current budget and expenditures. NPMLC presented update on Charter School grant funds.

Discussion/Action items:

Pandemic Planning/Update: The recent WI Supreme Court ruling overturning the Safer at Home order does not apply to schools. Schools are still closed until June 30, 2020. The district has a pandemic planning team that meets regularly for best or safer practices. Legal update on school camps – it is recommended that enrichment/learning camps hold off at this time.

Graduation: 7 SOAR HS students will graduate, 6 participating in the virtual ceremony May 31st on the NPSD website. There will be a graduation get together when it is safe to gather.

Summer School Planning and 2020-2021 School Year Planning: More parents are asking about next school year, priority is to have students in the buildings safely. Will we have all students together, or will we have to have a blended approach for smaller class sizes and virtual learning? Each scenario has been discussed.

US Dept. of Education on Site Monitoring: NPMLC Grant is done on June 30, 2020. The federal government is auditing DPI and NPMLC is a part of that audit.

Approve NPMLC, SOAR MS, & SOAR HS 2020-2021 budgets: MOTION by Emilie Braunel to approve NPMLC, SOAR MS, & SOAR HS 2020-2021 budgets as presented. Second by Karen Weber-Mendham. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Work Session: The Board worked on the Charter Governance Board Handbook.

Adjournment: MOTION by Laura Rozga that the Board adjourn. Second by Jennifer Jefferson. Voice vote 5-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.