



Nerstrand Elementary School  
205 2nd St | PO Box 156  
Nerstrand MN 55053

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Charter District #4055

October 11th, 2021 | 3:30 p.m.

Nerstrand Elementary Media Center

Members Present	Members Absent	Others Present	Community Members Present
Amber Skluzacek		Maggie Kiley	Nichole Miller
Jake Kaukola		Keith Johnson	Ashley Hanson
Nicole Shaefer			Christy Hanson
Sarah Johnson			Ali Bossmann
Alicia Wasilowski			Dana Jans
Tara Vondrasek			Sami Schweisthal
Terri Neumann			Lori Hougen-Eitzman
			Caitlin Haugland
			Margaret Huber
			Sue Reuvers

1.0 Call to Order at 3:30 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

2.0 Approve Agenda

Approved. First: Sarah, Second: Nicole, Yay: 7, Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

3.0 Opportunity to Report any Board Conflicts of Interest

None noted

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4.0 Approve September 13th, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, with friendly amendment to say September 13th instead 23rd.  
Approved. First: Terri, Second: Tara, Yay: 7, Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

5.0 Community Comment

Parent Nichole Miller. Spoke regarding masking at Nerstrand and disagreeing with a school wide mandate and not having choices. Concerns posed over children's mental health. Asked for a survey to be sent to parents asking about masking preference and for board to reconsider mandate.

Community member and parent Ashley Hanson. Asked board to reconsider mask mandate. It is affecting her daughter with asthma's mental and physical health, this has affected her daughters joy/comfort in attending school.

Parent and community member Christy Hanson. Spoke about children not being able to hear, missing facial expressions, lost focus in students. Highlighted that we are a charter school and have the opportunity to make different decisions and how masks negatively affect children. Brought information from WHO on masking elementary aged children.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Director Report

- a) Student performance item  
Compared our reading scores with Jefferson Elementary in Faribault  
- SEE REPORT
- b) Director evaluation item  
Focus on culture and communication. Staff meetings are recorded by another staff member and sent out  
- SEE REPORT
- c) COVID-19 update  
Part of ICT team is looking at adding Covid-19 testing at Nerstrand. We have received a grant from the state to make this an option.

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- 6.2 NEO Authorizer comments  
None present
- 6.3 Enrollment Update  
We are at 119 students. 5 students have left Nerstrand in the past week.
- 6.4 Finance Report
  - a) Monthly Financial Report  
Motion to approve Monthly Financial Report  
Motion approved. First: Amber, Second: Terri, Yay: 7, Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
- 7.0 Policy
  - 7.1 Bylaws rev. - second read  
Motion to approve Bylaw edit  
Motion approved. First: Amber, Second: Sarah, Yay: 7, Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
- 8.0 New Business
  - 8.1 Ongoing Board Training - Open Meeting Law (Governance)  
Board watched short video on Open Meeting Law
  - 8.2 Review NEO Board Observation Form - 9/13/2021
- 9.0 Old Business
  - 9.1 Review BOD Work Calendar
    - a) Update Board Roster
    - b) Update from Direction Support and Evaluation Committee  
October 28th there will be a committee meeting
    - c) BOD Chair - confirm BOD member background checks

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10.0 Other

10.1 Opportunity for BOD member comments on meeting:

- Did we stay on track? Strategic vs. micro-manage? Everyone able to participate?

Amber posed question on how to have points added to agenda. Board members discussed how to move forward with agenda planning. Yes meeting went well and progressed nicely.

10.2 Next Board of Directors meeting – November 8th, 2021 at 3:30pm, Nerstrand Media Center

11.0 Adjournment at 5:14 p.m.

Approved. First: Nicole, Second: Tara, Yay: 7, Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson of the Board

Clerk of the Board

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