

**Duluth Public Schools Academy**  
**Board Development/Personnel Committee**  
**September 14, 2017**  
**North Star Academy**

Called to order: 4:36 PM

Members present: Mike St. John (Chair), Steve Sydow, Lisa Harold, Jill Kandel

Non-members present: Bonnie Jorgenson, Neil Byce (via phone)

❖ **Tabled Items**

- Policy 400 review
  - We reviewed the 400 series policies and do not have any updates or corrections at this time.

❖ **Elections**

- Potential Candidate updates
  - We have 5 individuals who have expressed interest in running for the board. These individuals have been contacted via email and provided bio information and background check information. They were all invited to attend the September board meeting.
- Open house poster boards
  - We plan to make poster boards to grab the attention of parents during our open houses in order to gain exposure.
- Lisa and Jill are planning on talking to teaching colleagues to spark interest to run for the board as a teacher representative
- Potential new State Statute regarding filling vacancies on school boards.
  - Bonnie is checking into this further.

❖ **Retreat**

- Date is December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Jeff Thompson has agreed to moderate again for us this retreat
- Location is TBD. Plan is to stay near Duluth due to time of year.

❖ **Other business**

- We are coming up with a way for our members to be more involved in the community and increase our exposure to the public.
  - Example might be one school member attends a school and a community event each month and then report their experience back to the board. More to come on this. Hope to update at the retreat.

Meeting adjourned 5:12

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike St. John