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## **Board Meeting – Northwest Passage High School #4049 02/27/2026**

Board members in attendance: Heidi Wold, Jason Olson (virtual), Jeff Schommer, Katie Watkins,, Vashti Martens, Amy Gale Maloney, Drew Klitzke, Susanne Becker (virtual)

Others in attendance: Peter Wieczorek

Absent:

**Call to order:** 17:32

**Mission Statement:** "Rekindling our hope, exploring our world, seeking our path, while building our community."

**Non-Disclosure:** None

### **Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes:**

There was discussion to update the minutes with some minor changes \*\*. A motion to approve the January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes was made by Katie and seconded by Vashti. Motion passes.

**Public Comment:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached are the financial supplements for January 2026

See attached documents for Executive Summary and Supplements

- Jeff pointed out the realities of the budget with us being at a lower enrollment than our usual 160
- He also clarified that the building reserve is not liquid so we need to keep the actual budget higher than the fun balance

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January was made by Jason and seconded by Susanne.  
*No discussion. Motion passes*

### **Director's Report:**

#### *Program Highlights*

- Expeditions
  - Winter Camping
- Friday School
  - Cohorts
  - Career Fair
  - Innovator of the Month Elleni Kelcher
  - Teacher Torture
- Chamber Breakfast
- MAAP Conference
- Secret Staff Spirit Week
- Community Expo

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- Two grants submitted
  - MDE Innovative Service Learning Grant
  - CenterPoint Energy Foundation

#### *Enrollment/Recruiting*

- Youth Worker Breakfast
- Staff recruitment team formed
- Library curation

#### *Building Updates*

- Working on scheduling sidewalk for April

#### *Authorizer/MACS Updates*

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#### *Legislative Updates*

- MACS Day at the Capitol February 24

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

- Calendar Approval
  - Jeff made a motion to approve the calendar and Heidi seconded. *No discussion. Motion passes*
- Director Review
  - Jason walked through the attached Board Executive Summary as well as the Director Review Summary that was informed by a staff survey.
  - Jeff made a motion to offer Peter a position. Heidi seconded.
  - Drew communicated with Peter that we are offering a position. Jason and Peter agreed to meet to move things forward.
- Numbers and Recruitment
  - Peter said he is going to send more frequent communications regarding recruitment efforts to keep the board apprised.
- Strategic Plan Planning
  - Peter communicated with the number of areas in which we need to grow aligning with the theme Cultivating Growth
  - See attached presentation for details of
  - The board participated in a Community Mapping exercise
- Discussion on Bids for Auditors
  - Dona has asked for the opportunity to request bids from a fiscal responsibility and best practice standpoint
  - After discussion, Board agreed to allow Dona to move forward with seeking bids

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**Future Agenda Items**

- Terry Moffat
- Succession planning
- AI Conversation - Academic Integrity

**Adjournment** - *Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff and seconded by Heidi No discussion, motion passes.*

Adjourned: 19:33

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Jason Olson, Board Chair

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Amy Gale Maloney, Secretary