



Board of Trustees

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

September 17, 2018@ 8:00A.M.

Wauneka Board Room

Farmington, New Mexico

4 **Board Members Present:** Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr., Sherrick Roanhorse
5 Matthew Tso and Logan Reano

6 ***I-III. Call to Order, Roll Call & Invocation***

7 The meeting was called to order at 8:20 A.M. by Board President, Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Four elected
8 board members and the student ad-hoc member were present for a quorum. The invocation was provided
9 by Charley Long. Mrs. Escojeda announced roll call in which four board members and the student
10 representative were present.

11 ***IV. Approval of Agenda***

12 The agenda for Monday, September 17, 2018 (regular board meeting), was approved with the additions of
13 *Section VII. A – New Business*, addition of two (2) Resolutions, and *Section X. B: Personnel*, addition of
14 Grandfathering-in the stipend for two coaches.

15 Motion/Second: Charley Long/Sherrick Roanhorse

16 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

17 ***V. Approval of Minutes***

18 The minutes for Thursday, August 30, 2018 were approved with no changes or additions.

19 Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Sherrick Roanhorse

20 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

21 ***VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements***

22 Mr. Matthew Tso announced that during the recent Navajo Nation meeting our two requested resolutions
23 from the August 30th Board Meeting were approved by the Navajo Nation: Building #32 and Funds for the
24 Music/Fine Arts Classroom Building.

25 Mr. Keith Neil, Dean of Instruction notified the board that we have changed the week of Homecoming
26 events from the week of October 12th to the week of October 22nd.

27 ***VII. Reports***

28 **A. Head of School, Shawna Becenti**

29 Mrs. Becenti presented an update with highlights from the months of August and September which
30 included the 90 Day Action Plan, the Pilot of Applicant Pro for HR, a report on the Northern Navajo
31 Parade and the possibility of using Kinteel dorm for over flow. Mrs. Becenti also mentioned upcoming
32 priorities: a timeline of planned meetings as outlined in the board packet. Last, Mrs. Becenti gave an
33 update on current issues: the junior class and the girls' soccer team requested use of the old Admin
34 building by for the annual haunted house fundraiser and the questions set forth by the BIE. Ms. Ojaye
35 interjected that the building is not owned by the BIE. *Mrs. Becenti will research to find out the true*
36 *ownership of the building.*

37 Board President, Anderson Yazzie proposed that from this date forward the board would like to only hear
38 from the Head of School giving a presentation of her report. The reports from the rest of the Administrative
39 Team are in the Board Packet if necessary for review, unless there is an imperative issue.

40 Mrs. Becenti asked the Board for clarification: when a request is made during a board meeting - when and
41 how does the board want the information responded to? Mr. Yazzie stated that if the information is
42 detrimental send an email, otherwise a response during the next meeting will suffice.

43 Mr. Matthew Tso asked Mrs. Sheryl John if our transportation budget was on track, she answered yes. Mrs.
44 John gave a quick update of recent trainings, and Mrs. John stated she now has a better understanding of
45 O&M funding.

1 It was brought to the Boards attention that Ms. Rainey Crisp would like to separate from Rising Stars.

2 **VIII. Old Business**

3 **A. NONE**

4 **IX. New Business**

5 **A. Approving Resolution: Amendment to NPS Film Documentary Project contract**

6 Mrs. Becenti feels that the return from the video will be a great investment for NPS. The video can be used
7 for informational purposes, marketing and overall to showcase a history of Navajo education from past to
8 the twenty first century. The Board agreed with capping the video amendment price to seventeen thousand
9 dollars (\$17,000).

10 Motion/Second: Charley Long/Matt Tso

11 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

12 **B. Approving Resolution: Certificate of Authority with Vectra Bank**

13 Mrs. Becenti read a resolution from the interim Business Manager, Mrs. Sheryl John.

14 Motion/Second: Matt Tso/ Sherrick Roanhorse

15 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

16 **C. Approving Resolution: Request for Navajo Nation funds to pursue the purchase of 4.3 acre**
17 **feet of Water Rights**

18 Mrs. Becenti read a resolution from the Grant Director, Ms. Betty Ojaye. Ms. Ojaye gave a brief history
19 behind the request. The board would like to act quickly and finds that the purchase would benefit Navajo
20 Prep. The Board suggested that Navajo Prep make the purchase then request reimbursement from the
21 Navajo Nation. *Mrs. Becenti will reach out to Mike Halona to get guidance on how to request*
22 *reimbursement from the Navajo Nation.*

23 Motion/Second: Charley Long/Matt Tso

24 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

25 **D. Approval: Request for establishment of Naats'iilid Scholarship Fund**

26 Mrs. Becenti read a request from the Grant Director, Ms. Betty Ojaye. The Board suggested to Ms. Ojaye
27 that the language should include students who might chose the military path for their career as opposed to
28 college into the scholarship application. *Ms. Ojaye agreed to make the addition.*

29 Motion by Charley Long/Matthew Tso

30 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

31 **X. Personnel**

32 **A. Approval: New Hires**

33 Mrs. Becenti read a memo written for approval by Human Resources Director, Ms. Ada Wilson.

34 Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long

35 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

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37 **B. Approval: Coaching Stipends**

38 Mrs. Becenti read a memo written for approval requesting the 'grandfathering-in' stipend of two coaches
39 who have been employed with Navajo Prep since 2014 and 2016.

40 Motion by Matthew Tso/Charley Long

41 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

42 **XI. Travel Requests**

43 **A. Approval: NIEA Convention, October 10-13, 2018, Hartford, CT – Student & Parent Chaperone**

44 Motion by Charley Long/ Matthew Tso

45 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

1 **XI. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

2 The next regular meeting for the Board will be on Friday, October 26, 2018 @ 8:00AM at NPS Wauneka
3 Building.

4 *It was noted that if members of the Board plan on attending the Shiprock Parade on October 6th, they*
5 *should let Mrs. Escojeda know so lodging reservations can be made.*

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7 The meeting adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

8 Motion/Second: All in Favor

9 **Motion Carried 4-0-0**

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11 **Minutes approved on _____.**

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13 *Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President*

14 Board of Trustees

15 **Minutes prepared by: Yvette Escojeda, Administrative Assistant**