



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting Wauneka Board Room
October 26 @ 8:00A.M. 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 8:23 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 Mrs. Becenti. 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, October 26, 2018 (regular board meeting), was approved with changes to
13 *Section VII. A* – Update from Student Senate, all other Reports shall shift down, moving from Section VI.
14 Motion/Second: Charley Long/Sherrick Roanhorse
15 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

16 ***V. Approval of Minutes***

17 The minutes for Friday, September 17, 2018 were approved with no changes or additions.
18 Motion/Second: Charley Long /Sherrick Roanhorse
19 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

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

21 Mrs. Becenti announced that NPS received first place at the Northern Navajo Nation Parade. Navajo Prep
22 had the greatest spirited presence at the parade. Mrs. Becenti gave an update on the Homecoming Game,
23 we almost did not have a game. Ms. Donna Fernandez, gave an update on October 25th, STEM Day
24 hosted by NPS; 229 students registered, 27 students from Sacred Heart School, 14 Industry Reps, in all 10
25 schools represented. Mrs. Becenti, also informed the group that Fort Lewis College representatives joined
26 us for some beginning discussions on Dual Credit with FLC. FLC will set up a VIP recruiting admissions
27 time for NPS. Leland reminded the group of the annual Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November
28 14, 2018.

29 ***VII. Reports***

30 **A. Student Senate**

31 Ad Hoc member, Logan Reano gave an update on the Student Senate’s recent projects: Homecoming
32 Week activities. Next planned event is Snowcoming week.
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34 **B. Chinle Agency Council Meeting from October 20th.**

35 Board President, Anderson Yazzie, Jr gave a quick summary from the meeting in Chinle. Council member
36 Nelson Begay assisted Anderson Yazzie, Jr. with the correct language of organizing the resolution. The
37 Chinle agency approved the resolution. Also, Peterson Zah helped in solidifying the request along with the
38 NPS recent video. Mr. Roanhorse, had some concerns regarding the timeline of formalizing the resolution,
39 regarding the coordination of request for funding. *Mrs. Becenti will build a solid timeline with the*
40 *Development Director.*

41 **C. Holiday Party**

42 The party is planned for Thursday, December 6th at the Elks Lodge from 7:30PM-10:30PM.
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45 **D. High School Graduation**

46 Mr. Anderson Yazzie, Jr asked that we keep our graduation this year to two hours maximum. Mr. Neil
47 inquired if the Board sets the precedence on date/time, Anderson Yazzie, Jr answered that it is up to the
48 graduating class. Leland Becenti gave a quick briefing that the Class of 2019 is diligently working on their

1 plans. The graduation will happen in the morning not in the evening. Leland will give an outline by the
2 December.

3 **E. Head of School, Shawna Becenti**

4 Mrs. Becenti attended the Council Delegate breakfast yesterday in Windowrock and the council expressed
5 that they would like to show support for Navajo Prep too. Navajo Housing Authority (NHA), CEO said
6 there are funds to build two more dormitories. Shawna also mentioned that she found out there are some
7 agriculture funds to help with building a green house on campus. The Head of School also met with the
8 San Juan County CEO, Mr. Kim Carpenter about our parking lot paving project. Mr. Carpenter will meet
9 with the SJC Commissioner and will put the project on their spring agenda. NPS will pay for the asphalt
10 and SJC may assist with the labor and equipment. Shawna Becenti gave an update on the Water Rights
11 Purchase, we have 43 acres total. We will need to come up with a plan for the north side of the ditch.
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13 **F. Business Manager**

14 Mr. Rappleye introduced his self and his employment background. After talking with Adam Kenny from
15 Vectra Bank, our total cash is looking very volatile. Remick has identified the concentration risk and we
16 are currently vested one hundred percent in Citi Group. Remick said that NPS is not diversified in the
17 sense of not having any bonds, we only have stocks. Remick recommended that we use a growth or income
18 strategy to have a mixture of bonds. Mr. Rappleye also suggested that we invite different wealth advisors
19 to review our portfolios to get other recommendations. Remick also presented two other charts and their
20 fluctuation over a nine month period. *Anderson Yazzie, Jr. suggested a Work Session on the financial data*
21 *in a couple months.* Mr. Yazzie inquired whether the bank reconciliations are up to date, Remick stated
22 that they are not. Remick has plans to reconcile the last fiscal year. Sherrick said the board would give
23 approval if an outside CPA consultant is needed. Mr. Rappleye said that he is looking into our cash
24 handling policies, and would like to get locked bank bags.
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26 **G. Academics Monthly Report**

27 The Board President asked for the Dean of Instruction for the reason why our students are withdrawing,
28 Mr. Neil said that many are leaving to be available for ill family members. *Sherrick Roanhorse asked*
29 *Donna Fernandez to do a breakdown of students' desired majors with a seminar.*

30 **a. Career Counselor/Admissions Update***

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32 **H. Dean of Student Affairs, Student Support Specialist – Participation Data, Dean of Residential**
33 **Life, Development Director, Operations & Maintenance, and Food Services***

34 Mr. Roanhorse questioned Mr. Irwin, how we can prevent shootings/vandals from across the street. Stacy
35 Irwin suggested getting cameras installed. Stacy said this is the third time we have had this type of
36 vandalism occur, each incident is over \$9,000 and up to \$15,000. *Anderson Yazzie, Jr asked if we can have*
37 *some conversations with local businesses and the City to remedy the issue.*

38 **VIII. Old Business**

39 **A. Resolution: Revised amendment- The Navajo Nation approved the Water Rights Agreement and**
40 **all other incurred costs.**

41 Language will now reflect “all other incurred costs.”

42 Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long

43 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

44 **IX. New Business**

45 **A. Discussion: Third Party Audit**

46 Remick pushed the audit dates from November to December 17th-24th, to ensure that it is nice and clean.
47 We will meet our deadline for filing. Anderson Yazzie, Jr. recommended to track communication with
48 our auditors in the case we will need to move in a different direction.
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50 **B. Discussion: Change of Trustees: 401K**

51 Remick and Ada Wilson have talked with Cole Stoneman from Lincoln Financial. Our current trustees are
52 Shawna Becenti and Sheryl John. Mr. Stoneman said we would need an amendment to make the change.

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C. Discussion: Erisa Bond for 401K

Remick notified the board that NPS has been out of compliance because do not have an Erisa bond. An Erisa bond is an insurance that policy that is necessary in case the funds are misused, then the funds can be recovered. Our third party administrator has been asked to get some quotes. The annual census from June 2017 showed that we have also had many late contributions which is not good, our census also showed that we are now under the large group because we have more than 120 employees. Remick and Cole from Lincoln are looking to mitigate the risk.

D. Approval: Amendment to School Calendar SY 2018-19

NPS Administration proposed to the Board that December 7th to be a full day of Professional Development in place of two half days, November 9th and December 14th. This change will allow for our NPS students to have a three-day weekend before final exams.

Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long

Motion carried 4-0-0.

X. Personnel

A. Approval: New Hires

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

Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long

Motion carried 4-0-0.

B. Resignations: IT Tech & Dean of Student Affairs

Mrs. Becenti read a memo written for approval by Human Resources Director, Ms. Ada Wilson. The roles for Dean of Student Affairs will be disseminated among staff.

Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long

Motion carried 4-0-0.

XI. Travel Requests

All of the above travel requests were approved with proper documentation.

Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long

Motion carried 4-0-0.

XI. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next regular meeting for the Board will be on Saturday, November 17, 2018 @ 8:00AM at the Tamaya Resort in Bernalillo, NM.

Board Meeting in Santa Fe in February 1st 2019, during Farmington Day or Indian Day.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

Motion/Second: All in Favor

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Minutes approved on _____.

Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President
Board of Trustees

Minutes prepared by: Yvette Escojeda, Administrative Assistant