



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting Zoom Meeting
May 22, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.

4 **Board Members Present:** Sherrick Roanhorse, Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr.,
5 Student Ad Hoc Member: Sky Harper

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

7 The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse. Four elected board
8 members were present for a quorum. The invocation was provided by Mr. Charley Long. Yvette Escojeda
9 announced roll call in which three board members were present.

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11 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

12 The proposed agenda for Friday, May 22nd, was approved with no changes or additions.

13 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./ Anderson Yazzie, Jr.

Motion carried 4-0-0

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15 **V. Approval of Minutes**

16 The minutes for April 13, 2020 were approved with no changes.

17 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso

Motion carried 4-0-0

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

20 **A.** Shawna A Becenti, Head of School applauded Sky Harper, Student Ad-Hoc Board member for all his
21 accomplishments during his senior year, including being the Class of 2020's Valedictorian.

22 **B.** All meeting attendees gave a brief introduction.

23 **C.** Congratulations were given to Yolanda who has been selected for the Air Force Research Laboratory's
24 STEMMY Excellent Educator award in the High School category.

25 **D.** Board Vice President Matthew Tso announced updates on the Apportionment Plan.

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27 **VII. Reports**

28 **A. Head of School**

29 Shawna A Becenti, Head of School informed the board about the Senior curbside pickup/check out day on May
30 21st. NPS made the day special for the seniors by handing out gifts to our seniors. Our parents and students
31 gave a lot of positive feedback on the day. NPS will have a curbside pickup/check out for the rest of the
32 students on May 27-29. The graduation ceremony is planned for June 18th.

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34 **B. IB Coordinator**

35 Ms. Donna Fernandez announced thirty-four senior collaborative projects all passed. Ms. Fernandez
36 announced that there will be no IB Fee increases this year. Mr. Anderson Yazzie, Jr. requested an IB
37 presentation for the Annual Work Session.

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39 **C. Director of Finance**

40 Mr. Remick Rappleye gave an update on the budget report highlights: the investment performance portfolio is
41 doing fairly stable with some gains. There was an offset to adjust some funds to one of the line items. NPS
42 saved in travel due to travel restrictions from the pandemic. Remick Rappleye mentioned he will research the
43 SNAP program.

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45 **D. Food Services**

46 Ty White, Food Services Manager gave a shout out to Mrs. Diane Dembowski, Accounts Payable technician
47 for all her help in assisting with training and keeping the food services updated on any issues.

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49 **E. Director of Student and Community Engagement**

50 Ms. Darah Tabrum gave an update on the senior students' scholarship awards. Darah informed the group
51 about the enrollment process and mentioned that over ninety percent of our students plan to return in the fall,
52 our NPS community trusts in our school.

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54 **F. Network Administrator**

55 Sean Bekis, gave an update on how many hot spots were mailed out in the past month. The fiber work is
56 completed from the 2019-2020 E-rate project. Currently, testing the strength of ten-twelve new hot spots for

1 two years for another provider. Sean will reach out to NTUA to see if we can reach a partnership for services.
2 Sean stated the technology department’s top priority is ensuring that they wipe down returned laptops.
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4 **VIII. Unfinished Business - NA**

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6 **IX. New Business**

7 **A. Memo Approval: Budget Amendment**

8 Mr. Rappleye stated in the final review of the FY2021 budget it was discovered that the funding percentages
9 regarding the Dine Soaring and Title VI grants were off. It was also discovered that in the budgeting process
10 for salaries and benefits, the benefits were over-budgeted. This was due to an error in how iVisions calculated
11 the benefit amounts on those with stipends.

12 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr/Charley Long **Motion carried 4-0-0**

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14 **B. Memo Approval: Change in Bank Services**

15 Director of Finance, Remick Rappleye read the memo regarding the changes, (1) closing a payroll sweep
16 account that the Navajo Preparatory School used to utilize. All of the other changes are turning off
17 and bundling various services. To see a more distinct list of services there is a page provided stating
18 the changes and the cost.

19 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr/Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**

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21 **C. Resolution Approval: Confirming and Congratulating the Senior Class of 2020 for completing the**
22 **required Courses of Study by the Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. New Mexico Department of Education, and**
23 **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)**

24 Head of School, Shawna A Becenti read the resolution to approve confirmation of the Class of 2020. Two
25 students still have tasks to complete for a final decision to be made by the June board meeting.

26 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**

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28 **D. Memo Approval: Recognizing Outstanding Student Achievement by Awarding Scholarships of**
29 **Excellence**

30 Head of School, Shawna A Becenti read the resolution to approve the scholarships that are presented by the
31 board of trustees to ten exceptional students to include: Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Navajo Language
32 Preservation (2), Exemplary Atsa Exhibition (6).

33 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Charley Long, Sr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**

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35 **E. Memo Approval: Nááts’iilid Scholarship Fund**

36 Head of School, Shawna A Becenti read the resolution to approve the scholarships recommended by Ms. Betty
37 Ojaye to ten deserving students. A total of twelve students applied.

38 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./ Anderson Yazzie, Jr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**

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40 **F. Approval: Response to BIE Personnel Security Background Investigation Report**

41 Director of Human Resources, Ada Wilson read the memo addressed to the Bureau of Indian Education in
42 response to five findings on the Background Check Review Report which was completed on December 17,
43 2019.

44 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**

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46 **XI. Personnel**

47 **A. Approval: Lateral Hire**

48 **B. Approval: Resignation**

49 Director of Human Resources, Ada Wilson read a memo requesting the board’s approval for a lateral transfer
50 of an academic position. The board asked to please send their ‘well wishes,’ to Ms. Karen Duncan. The board
51 agreed to combine items A through B above for voting.

52 NPS Motion by Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Charley Long, Sr. **Motion Carried 4-0-0**

53 **XII. Travel - NA**
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1 ***XIII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment***

2 Our Annual Board Work Session is planned for June 10th-12th, 2020. The next regular meeting for the Board
3 will be held on Thursday, June 11th, 2020 at 11:00 AM via a virtual meeting in accordance with State and
4 Navajo Nation stay at home ordinances.

5 The meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

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9 **Minutes approved on June 11, 2020.**

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12 ***Minutes prepared by: Yvette Escojeda***



Sherrick Roanhorse, President