



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
August 27, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.

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

5 **I-III. Call to Order, and Roll Call**

6 The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by the Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse. All four elected
7 board members were present for a quorum. Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced roll call in
8 which the majority of the board members were present.
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10 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

11 The proposed agenda for Thursday, August 27th was approved with minimal changes; voting items moved
12 up and the reports section afterwards.

13 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**
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15 **V. Approval of Minutes**

16 The minutes for July 30th were approved with no changes.

17 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**
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19 **VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments and Announcements**

20 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti announced that the BIE will make a visit to campus to discuss the HVAC
21 project in the residential dorms on September 10th.
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23 **VIII. Unfinished Business - N/A**
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25 **IX. New Business**

26 **A. Discussion and Approval Memo: Class of 2020 Funds**

27 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the memo from the Class of 2020 Sponsors. The Board of Trustees
28 president, Sherrick Roanhorse is in support of the recommendation of the class sponsors.

29 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**
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31 **B. Approval Resolution: Enhancement Funds Budget**

32 Director of Finance, Remick Rappleye read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of Trustees to
33 begin expending the funds received for the language lab.

34 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**
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36 **C. Approval Memo: Middle School Math Credits**

37 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the memo requesting approval from the Board of Trustees to add a
38 section titled Middle School Course Credit Acceptance to the 2020-21 Community Handbook. The section
39 addresses specific issues associated with Graduation Requirements and their relation to classes taken at the
40 Middle School level.

41 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/ Charly Long, Sr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**
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43 **D. Approval Memo: Graduation Requirements Amendment**

44 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the memo requesting approval to two recommendations from the
45 Academics and Guidance Departments to clarify adaptations for the Class of 2021 and 2022. The first request
46 is to accept the Navajo language courses to fulfill the foreign language credit requirement. The second
47 request is to accept an amendment to the Community Handbook for clarification on the number of required
48 Dine language and Culture credits for transfer students.

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

A. Approvals: New Hires

B. Contracting Services

C. Termination

D. Approval: Supplemental Positions and Academic Stipends

Director of Human Resources, Ada Wilson read a memo of HR Recommendations. The Board of Trustees requested the HR Director change the wording in item “C.,” from termination to resignation. The board agreed to group items A through D together for voting purposes.

NPS Motion by Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso

Motion Carried 4-0-0

VII. Reports

A. Student and Community Engagement, Darah Tabrum

Darah Tabrum presented the new school years school virtual assembly updates. Tabrum announced that this year’s enrollment has increased by ten percent despite our current pandemic. Tabrum is currently been working with our consultant on two separate grants.

B. Academic, Keith Neil

Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil has been working with faculty on professional development, becoming more knowledgeable with Schoology, our online learning management system. Kudos to Mr. Gordon who is a power user with Schoology and has taken the lead on showing teachers tips and tricks. Donna Fernandez, IB Coordinator announced that we have one more student who qualified as a IB DP graduate. Athletics gave an update on surveys that were send to students and their parents.

C. Budget Report, Remick Rappleye

Director of Finance, Remick Rappleye gave an update on the NPS investments portfolio and stated that the return was looking healthy. Rappleye mentioned that our current budget is looking strong with the “infusing from the CARES Act and PPE funding.

D. Technology Dept, Sean Bekis

Network Administrator, Sean Bekis gave a summary of what his department has been challenged with during this pandemic such as testing connections in different communities. The technology department is coming up with different strategies to ensure better connectivity for our students.

E. Facilities and Operations, Stacy Irwin

Irwin gave a quick summary of the replacement of new equipment on campus. Shawna Becenti mentioned that the Hogan renovation will start soon.

F. Residential, Leland Becenti

Dean of Student Life, Leland Becenti gave a quick update of our residential students who are doing their residential student orientations virtually.

G. Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti

Shawna A. Becenti gave an update that she and assistant Yvette Escojeda are heading a College Prep class this year. NPS’s plan is to stay virtually at least for the first quarter, then students with unstable internet connections and athletes will be able to stay on campus, depending on the approval on the Navajo Nation.

XI. Travel - N/A

XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next regular meeting for the Board will be held on Thursday, September 25th, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. via Zoom in accordance with the State and Navajo Nation stay at home ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Minutes approved on _____.

Sherrick Roanhorse, President

Minutes prepared by: Yvette Escojeda