



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
September 21, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.

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

5 Student Ad Hoc: Cade Allison

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

7 The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by the Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse. Four of three
8 elected board members were present for a quorum. Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced roll
9 call in which the majority of the board members were present. The invocation was provided by Mr. Charley
10 Long.

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12 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

13 The proposed agenda for Monday, September 21st was approved with minimal changes.

14 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Charley Long, Sr. **Motion carried 3-0-1**

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16 **V. Approval of Minutes**

17 The minutes for August 27th were approved with no changes.

18 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. **Motion carried 3-0-1**

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

21 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti introduced the new Student Ad Hoc Board Member, Cade Allison. Cade
22 gave a brief introduction. Shawna A. Becenti announced our new Director of Finance has been hired and is
23 present, Wayne Brown. Shawna A. Becenti also announced that the New Mexico Davis Scholarship program
24 has awarded Navajo Prep with \$30,000.00 to support COVID-19 responsiveness, college prep programming,
25 individual student mentorship, and supportive academic materials

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27 **VII. Reports**

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

29 Shawna A. Becenti, shared the updated/draft NPS School Implementation Plan in response to COVID-19.

30 **B.** Academic, Keith Neil

31 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil gave a quick update on his report for the month of September. Board Member
32 Anderson Yazzie, Jr. asked how the school is handling attendance issues. Mr. Neil responded that we are
33 doing well in the attendance area.

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35 **VIII. Unfinished Business**

36 **A. Discussion and Approval Memo: Class of 2020 Funds/” Amendment to the motion from 8/27/2020”**

37 Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse reminded the Class of 2020 that in the past of an unwritten, common
38 practice was to give any remaining funds from the senior class to the incoming freshman class. Though with
39 the past school year being different because of the world-wide pandemic the board agreed with the Head of
40 School’s recommendation to distribute the funds as Scholarships to the Class of 2020. *The scholarships will*
41 *be distributed to each student’s college.* The Board of Trustees recommended amending our current policy
42 on class funds. Several students, parents, and a few school employees gave their feedback on the situation.

43 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**

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45 **IX. New Business**

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47 **A. Approval Resolution: Business Policy Revision**

48 Director of Finance, Remick Rappleye read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of Trustees to
49 amend the current Business Policy to include the use of COOPS which allows NPS to piggyback off state and
50 educational contracts in lieu of bids. The amendment is retro active from July 1, 2020.

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

C. Approval Memo: Contract with RMA Advisory Group

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the memo requesting approval from the Board of Trustees to add a to continue our contract with the RMA Advisory group for six more months. The RMA Advisory Group along with Shawna A. Becenti will develop a strategy for the 2021 Capital Outlay session.

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

D. Approval Resolution: Hogan Renovations Project

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of Trustees to begin the construction phase of the female Hogan. The funding for the project was received during the 2020 Capital Outlay session.

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

E. Approval Resolution: Return to School Plan

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of Trustees to revise the plan from July 19, 2020. NPS will continue to with remote learning for the remainder of the semester. We will open the residential area for our athletes and students who have technology issues. The school will not provide transportation.

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

F. Approval Waiver: 25 C.F.R. Subchapter E

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti summarized the waiver application from the Bureau of Education’s Chief Academic Officer. The application waiver is due September 30, 2020.

Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**

X. Personnel

- A.** New Hires –Director of Finance
- B.** Lateral Transfer – Part time employee from transportation to maintenance
- C.** Internship – Student will intern from nearby college
- D.** Resignation – Director of Finance
- E.** Interim – Utilize current Director of Finance

Director of Human Resources, Ada Wilson read a memo of recommendations. The board agreed to group items A through E together for voting purposes.

NPS Motion by Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso **Motion Carried 4-0-0**

XI. Travel - N/A

XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next regular meeting for the Board date will be determined by the Head of School and the School Board President. The members of the School Board suggested to align the dates, as third Monday, or Tuesday of each month. The School Board meetings will continue to be held virtually in accordance with the State and Navajo Nation stay at home ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M. **Motion Carried 4-0-0**

Minutes approved on _____.

Sherrick Roanhorse, President

Minutes prepared by: Yvette Escojeda