



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
March 23, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.

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

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

8 The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P M by the Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse. All four elected
9 board members were present for a quorum and the Student Ad Hoc member Cade Allison was also
10 present. Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced the roll call in which all of the board members
11 were present.

12 The invocation was provided by the Board of Trustees member, Mr. Charley Long, Sr.
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14 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

15 The proposed agenda for Tuesday, March 23rd was approved with the following recommended changes:
16 (1) Request to move New Business before Reports and (2) add an Executive Session.

17 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Charley Long, Sr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**
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19 **V. Approval of Minutes**

20 The minutes for February 25th and March 12th Board Meetings were approved with no changes.

21 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**
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23 **VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements**

24 The Board of Trustees introduced their selves and the Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti introduced our
25 guest: Cole Stoneman representing Lincoln Financial and three guests representing John Hopkins Health
26 center.
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28 **VII. New Business**

29 **A. Discussion: Investments**

30 Lincoln Financial Group advisor, Cole Stoneman gave a presentation on NPS current investments and
31 opportunities.
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33 **B. Discussion: John Hopkins COVID-19 Student Study**

34 Leonela Nelson, Shardai Pioche, and Dr. Laura Hammit, representatives from the John Hopkins
35 University (Shiprock area site), presented to the Board of Trustees their Covid-19 testing results.
36 Board of Trustees President, Sherrick Roanhorse inquired about the possibility of a partnership for
37 interns with NPS students. The John Hopkins representatives were receptive to the request.
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39 **C. Approve Resolution: Request to Increase Carryover Budget**

40 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler, read the resolution requesting to increase the unrestricted
41 budget to account for the new funding.

42 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**
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44 **Executive Session**

45 Begin: 6:37PM NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso

46 End: 7:14PM NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr.

47 **D. Approve Resolution: Request to open campus for Hybrid Learning.**

48 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti, read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of
49 Trustees to open the Navajo Preparatory School campus for Hybrid Learning. The first group of
50 students will start as soon as March 29th. The first scheduled group of Priority Students will start
51 4/5/2021. The hybrid model meets all requirements outlined by the New Mexico Public Education
52 Department, Bureau of Indian Education, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), New Mexico Department

1 of Health, and the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education. Each cohort will be on campus every
2 other week, cohorts will not exceed more than 25% of the student population. Attendance to on
3 campus learning is completely voluntary. Priority students are defined as students who require
4 additional academic, social/emotional support, ELL and/or SPED accommodations, on-campus 504
5 and related services, and/or internet connectivity support, or have requested the opportunity to
6 learn on the school campus. The NPS current vaccine rates are 80% of full-time employees and 37%
7 of eligible students.

8 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso

Motion carried 4-0-0

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10 **E. Approve Resolution: Increase Unrestricted Investments**

11 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti, read the resolution requesting to increase the restricted
12 investment account.

13 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr.

Motion carried 4-0-0

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15 **F. Approve Resolution: SY 2020-2021 Draft 401K Audit Report**

16 Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read the resolution to the Board of Trustees
17 requesting to accept the audit for the 401K plan and has completed a draft audit

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

Motion carried 4-0-0

19 **VI. Reports**

20 **A. Athletics:** Assistant Dean of Instruction/Athletics Director, Rainy Crisp gave a quick update on the
21 Athletics Department's plan for athletes on campus. Ms. Crisp also shared a seating chart for home
22 games that includes social distancing guidelines.

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24 **B. Student Senate,** Student Senate President Cade Allison gave a quick summary of his monthly report.
25 Cade shared Student Senate's ideas for a virtual Hozho Naasha Week and will also give an update
26 during the next board meeting on the Sheep Project for attendees of the seven-day residential
27 program.

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29 **VII. Unfinished Business - NA**

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31 **VIII. Personnel - NA**

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33 **IX. Travel - NA**

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35 **XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

36 The next regular meeting for the Board will take place on April 20th. The School Board meetings will continue
37 to be held virtually in accordance with the State and Navajo Nation stay at home ordinances.

38 The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

39 **Motion Carried 4-0-0**

40 **Minutes approved on** 04/20/2021.

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42 M/S: Matthew Tso/Anderson Yazzie, Jr.

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44 **Minutes prepared by:** Yvette Escojeda



Sherrick Roanhorse, President