



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Date: December 15, 2022 @ 1:00 P.M.
Location: Student Success Center

Board Members Present: Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr., Sherrick Roanhorse, and Student Ad Hoc-Watson Whitford

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM by the Board President, Matthew Tso. All four elected board members were present for a quorum and Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced the roll call. The invocation was provided by the board member Charley Long, Sr.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda for Thursday, December 15, was approved with no changes.

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

V. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 15th, Board Meeting were approved with no changes

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

VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements

Head of School introduced the Admin Team and guests: Mrs. Jensen (teacher), member of the Naatani Youth Council, Terri Laymen (parent), and Derek Begay (community member).

Public Comment

Board Member Sherrick Roanhorse acknowledged and thanked exiting board members: Mr. Matthew Tso and Mr. Charley Long, Sr.

The Natanni Youth Council presented a Land Acknowledgement to the group and a board member suggested that we add to our agenda each month.

A community member had requested information on how to move forward with dissertation requirements at NPS, the community member was informed to reach out to the Human Resources Director.

Exiting board member asked that we continue to recognize previous board members.

VII. Reports

A. Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti

Head of School gave a quick highlight of mentionable areas and stated that each department's monthly reports are in the board packet.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion: Return to School Plan

The Head of School announced recommended changes to the Return to School Plan which includes (1) COVID leave funds have been exhausted, (2) ending contract tracing for employees and students, (3) No more virtual classes for ill students however the students will have two make up days for each day out of class for missed classwork.

IX. New Business

A. Resolution Approval: Amendment to Student COVID 19 Vaccine Incentive

The Director of Finance stated that some student accounts were in arrears and proposed that NPS allocated any incentive funds towards the student's arrears account.

B. Approval Memo: Authorization of Investment Authority

The Director of Finance requested to move funds to an investment account.

C. Resolution Approval: Amending the Certificate of authority with Vectra Bank

The Director of Finance requested an additional p-card for the Travel Specialist.

D. Approval: Supporting Amendments to the Next Gen CTE Pilot Project Statute to Include BIE-Funded Secondary Schools

The Head of School presented the proposed partnership with Santa Fe Indian Schools and other NM BIE funded schools to advocate for the use of Next Gen CTE funds.

E. Discussion: Transfer of the NPS cemetery caretaking to the Navajo Methodist Alumni Assoc.

The Head of School presented a proposal from the Navajo Methodist Alumni Association that is requesting that NPS take over the upkeep on the cemetery. The Board of Trustees did not approve this item.

F. Approval Resolution: Salary Increase Recommendation

The Director of Finance presented a resolution requesting an increase to non-faculty staff. There was some discussion of how long NPS can sustain the increase.

G. Approval Resolution: Amending SY 22-23 Wellness Policy

The Head of School read the resolution requesting to use the SY 2017 Wellness Policy

The Board of Trustees agreed to combine items A-G together for voting purposes.

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

X. Personnel

A. Approval: Resignations

B. Approval: New Hires

C. Approval: Amendment to Academic Stipends

D. Approval: Additional Stipend Requests

The Human Resources Director stated that we had two employees depart from our school, and three new hires. The Human Resources Director also gave a summary of the two additional stipend requests.

NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

XI. Travel

A. Approval: IBARMS Conference, January 20-22, 2023, Denver, CO

B. Approval: Southwestern University Counselor Fly, January 22-23, 2023, Austin, TX

C. Approval: CASE-NAIS Independent Schools Conference, January 26-February 1, 2023, New York, NY

D. Approval: Northwest 5 Counselor Tour, March 5-9, 2023, WA and OR

E. Approval: IB Global Conference, July 26-July 30, 2023, Toronto, Canada

The Board of Trustees agreed to combine items A-E together for voting purposes.

NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./ Sherrick Roanhorse Motion Carried 4-0-0

XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next Regular board meeting for the Board will be held on January 13th at 1:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 P.M. Motion Carried 4-0-0

Minutes approved on 1/13/23

M/S: Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr.



ANDERSON YAZZIE, JR., President