



**Board of Trustees**  
**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**  
Date: January 13, 2023 @ 3:00 P.M.  
Location: Student Success Center

**Board Members Present:** Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Sherrick Roanhorse, Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,  
Craig Sandoval and Student Ad Hoc-Watson Whitford

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by the Board Vice President, Anderson Yazzie, Jr. All four elected board members were present for a quorum and Recording Secretary, Shawna A. Becenti announced the roll call. The invocation was provided by the board member Craig Sandoval.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The proposed agenda for Friday, January 13, was approved with no changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Todacheene      Motion carried 4-0-0

**V. Approval of Minutes**

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

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Todacheene      Motion carried 4-0-0

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

Head of School introduced the Admin Team and guests. Newly elected board members introduced themselves: Dr. Todacheene (Northern Agency), Craig Sandoval (Easter Agency), Sherrick Roanhorse, Anderson Yazzie, Jr. and Watson Whitford. Two parents also joined the meeting: Sandy Scott, and Rachel Brown.

Announcements: Shawna Becenti announced that NPS took thirty seven students to the Navajo Nation Inauguration, and congratulated the new 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council delegates and congratulations to the newly elected Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and the Vice President Richelle Montoya-Chee. The continuing Board of Trustees discussed the upcoming school events and travel with the new board members.

**NPS School Board Election**

President: Anderson Yazzie, Jr.	M/S: Craig Sandoval/Sherrick Roanhorse	4-0-0
Vice President: Sherrick Roanhorse	M/S: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Dr. Todacheene	4-0-0
Secretary: Dr. Todacheene	M/S: Craig Sandoval/ Anderson Yazzie, Jr.	4-0-0
Member At Large: Craig Sandoval	No Action Taken	

**VII. 2023 Goals**

- Head of School asked for the board’s support to request a funding match with the Navajo Nation. NPS would like the Navajo Nation to match the funding that the New Mexico Capital Outlay given. Head of School also gave a special thank you to our private donors for the amount of twenty thousand in December.
- Academic, Keith Neil gave an update of his recent trip to the San Potosi School in Mexico, in which we have our student exchange program.
- Director of Finance, Manuel Watchman stated that his goal was to establish departmental cross training, RFP for a new auditor, and to have a successful year end roll over.
- Manager of Facilities & Operations, Stacy Irwin explained that he would like to work on a ditch/drainage plan. Board member Todacheene asked about NPS looking into solar lighting.
- Network Administrator, Sean Bekis expended Capital Outlay funds for security and working on the audio in the Eagles Nest.
- Dean of Student Life Program, Roderick Denetso stated that one of the main goals of the residential program at NPS is to achieve academic success in the classroom and in Residential Program
- Dean of Student & Community Engagement, Darah Tabrum explained departmental goals of increasing admissions, review other college application platforms, fill the school counselor position, and expansion of the School Based Health Center.

- 1 **VIII. Unfinished Business - NONE**  
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- 3 **IX. New Business - NONE**  
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- 5 **X. Personnel**  
6 **A. Approval: New Hires**  
7 The Human Resources Director, Violet Kelley requested approval to hire two full time hires and two part time  
8 employees and seven spring coaches. Board Member Todacheene requested adding the new position titles  
9 onto each included applicant’s resume.  
10 NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Sandoval Motion Carried 4-0-0  
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- 12 **XI. Travel**  
13 **A. Approval: NAIS Annual Conference, Las Vegas, February 22-24, 2023**  
14 **B. Approval: CWMUN NYC Conference, March 23-March 28, 2023, New York, NY**  
15 **C. Approval: NSBA, April 1-3, 2023, Orlando, FL**  
16 **D. Approval: IB Workshop, April 21-April 25, 2023, Norfolk, VA**  
17 **E. Approval: CAWS IB Workshop- MYP Interdisciplinary Teaching, June 26-July 2, 2023, Sacramento, CA**  
18 **F. Approval: IB Global Conference, July 26-July 30, 2023, Toronto, Canada**  
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20 The Board of Trustees agreed to combine items A-F together for voting purposes.  
21 NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Todacheene Motion Carried 4-0-0  
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- 23 **XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**  
24 Regular Board Meetings will be hosted the first Thursdays of each month per board members consensus.  
25 The next Regular board meeting for the Board will be held on February 2 at 5:30 PM.  
26 The meeting adjourned at 4:41 P.M. Motion Carried 4-0-0  
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- 29 **Minutes approved on** February 2, 2023  
30 **M/S:** Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Craig Sandoval



**Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President**