



Board of Trustees

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Date: March 2, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M.

Location: La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe Room held in conjunction with the NM American Indian Day

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 5:37 PM by the Board President, Anderson Yazzie, Jr. 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 Watson Whitford.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda for Thursday, March 2, was approved with no changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Dr. Bernadette Todacheene/Craig Sandoval Motion carried 4-0-0

V. Approval of Minutes - January 13 and February 2, 2023

The minutes from the January 13, 2023 and February 2, 2023, Board Meeting were approved with no changes

NPS Motion/Second: Craig Sandoval/ Dr. Bernadette Todacheene Motion carried 4-0-0

VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti introduced the Admin Team members who were in attendance on site and online. The Board of Trustees introduced themselves to the attendees.

NPS student read the Land Acknowledgement to the attendees.

The Head of School Shawna A. Becenti announced condolences to community member and the late father of Sherrick Roanhorse, Caleb Roanhorse.

The Mexico Student Exchange – Two NPS students gave a presentation on recent their five week trip from Mexico.

VII. Reports and 2023 Goals

A. Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti

Designer, Christina Horton, Studio Southwest Architects gave a presentation of the Residential Home that will break ground in early June 2023. The Head of School, Shawna A Becenti listed recent highlights from advocacy efforts in February, and professional development training.

B. Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil

Dean of Instruction , Mr. Keith Neil announced his department updates, which are in the board packet.

C. Director of Finance, Manuel Watchman

Director of Finance, Mr. Watchman stated the SY 21-22 audit is completed, and the auditor will present at the next meeting. Mr. Watchman presented the most recent NPS financial reports.

D. Diné Bizaad Institute, Kevin Belin

Director of the Dine Bizaad Institute, Mr. Belin plans to release the RFP for the student language app in early mid March.

E. Student Senate, Watson Whitford

Updated the group about recent events including new fundraisers.

VIII. Unfinished Business - NONE

IX. New Business

A. Discussion: Residential Design Update

Architect, Andy Benson, Studio Southwest Architects and Project Manager/Engineer - Shay Davis, Jaynes Construction announced highlights of the Residential Home build.

B. Approval: MOU Farmington Police Department (FPD)

The Head of School, Shawna A Becenti presented the agreement from the FPD to have access to our school cameras only if an incident were to occur on campus.

C. Approval Resolution: Facility Fees Increase

1 The Head of School, Shawna A Becenti presented the increased Facility Fee Schedule for rental spaces on
2 campus. The fees had not been increased since 2014.

3 **D. Approval Memo: Extend Evaluations**

4 Dean of Instruction, Mr. Keith Neil requested to extend the established timeline within the Personnel
5 Handbook for employee evaluation and renewal recommendations from March 15 to March 24. The
6 requested extension would allow Administration leaders additional time needed to conduct evaluations and
7 meet with employees for further guidance and next steps.

8 **E. Approval Amendment: Personnel Policy**

9 The Director of Finance requested that non exempt employees who are required to work on a school holiday
10 to be paid the holiday or inclement weather day plus actual hours worked and meal per diem will be paid
11 regardless of conference/meeting agenda.

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13 The Board of Trustees agreed to combine items B-E together for voting purposes

14 NPS Motion by Craig Sandoval/Sherrick Roanhorse

Motion Carried 4-0-0

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16 **X. Personnel**

17 **A. Approval: New Hires**

18 The Human Resources Director, Violet Kelley requested the approval of two new hires at Navajo Prep. The
19 new personnel will fill the positions of assistant softball coach and a maintenance worker.

20 NPS Motion by Craig Sandoval/Dr. Bernadette Todacheene

Motion Carried 4-0-0

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22 **XI. Travel**

23 **A. Approval: My SchoolBucks Conference, Nashville, TN, March 21-22, 2023**

24 Director of Finance, Manuel Watchman requested that the Senior Accountant attend this professional
25 training.

26 **B. Approval: Innovative Schools Summit, Orlando, FL, March 29-April 2, 2023**

27 The Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti suggested that the Dean of Student Life attend this professional
28 development opportunity

29 **C. Approval: Ivisions-Tyler Connect Conference 2023, San Antonio, TX, May 6-11, 2023**

30 Director of Finance, Manuel Watchman requested that the Director of Finance, the Senior Accountant, and
31 the Director of Human Resources attend this professional training.

32 **D. Approval: National Unity Conference, Washington, DC, June 29-July 5, 2023**

33 A group do NPS students and the Nataani Youth Leadership Council requested their attendance at this
34 conference. There was discussion of more students being allowed this opportunity. The Board of Trustees
35 agreed that four to eight students contingent upon funding.

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

38 NPS Motion by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene / Sherrick Roanhorse

Motion Carried 4-0-0

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

41 A Special Session meeting will be held mid March via zoom. The next Regular board meeting for the Board will
42 be held on April 6 at 5:30 PM.

43 The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

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45 **Minutes approved on** 4/20/23

46 **M/S:** Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Sandoval



Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President