



Board of Trustees

MINUTES – Special Session Board Meeting

Date: March 28, 2023, @ 2:00 P.M.

Location: Navajo Preparatory School Campus

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 2:00 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 board member Craig Sandoval.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The proposed Special Session agenda for Tuesday, March 28, was approved with a minimal change to move Item C before Item B in the New Business section.

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

V. Approval of Minutes - March 2, 2023

The Board Members motioned to defer the approval of the minutes from the March 2, 2023, Board Meeting to the next Regular Board Meeting in April.

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.

The NPS Student Ad Hoc Board Member read the Land Acknowledgement to the attendees.

Guests in Attendance: Accounting department, IT dept, Heinfield Meech team: James Shankland, and Michael Luzon.

Announcement: Robotics Leader, Mr. Mike Gordon presented the Robotics team and announced the Robotics team has been awarded the State winners of the competition. The Robotics team, Twinkle Wheels which is four students presented their winning robot Ed to the group.

VII. Reports – NONE

VIII. Unfinished Business - NONE

IX. New Business

A. Approval: Final Audit

Mr. Shankland, Auditor, and Michael Lauzon, Auditor from the Heinfield Meech CPA Firm presented the Draft Audit (r. 3/28/23) to the Board of Trustees. The auditors explained the findings on page 34 of the audit. The audit team mentioned the significant findings and extended two days for the NPS accounting team to respond to the findings.

Board Member, Dr. Bernadette Todacheene requested that the Navajo Preparatory School accounting department make a PowerPoint with visual charts for the next board meeting. Board Member, Sherrick Roanhorse asked the audit team if they would provide other institutions example's of their inventory systems. Heinfield Meech CPA Firm stated that they will share some examples. The Director of Finance, Manuel Watchman clarified to the Board of Trustees his management of the corrective action of the findings. Heinfield Meech CPA Firm stated that they need to do a phone call with one of the Board of Trustees before closing the audit.

The Board of Trustees motioned to approve the audit in draft form.

NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Bernadette Todacheene Motion Carried 4-0-0

B. Approval: Navajo Nation Fee Land Designation

School Council, Patricia Williams gave a verbal presentation of the Navajo Nation Fee Land Designation and gave clarification as to a Tribally Controlled School (TCS). Ms. Williams explained the benefits of the executed RTCC Camera agreement with the Farmington Police Department.

C. Approval: IB Courses

The Head of School, Shawna A Becenti presented the new IB course listing for School Year 2023/2024 which includes newly introduced MYP courses.

D. Approval: MOU San Juan College

The Head of School, Shawna A Becenti presented the San Juan College Dual Credit MOU which will retro from SY 2022 and end in SY 2024.

The Board of Trustees agreed to combine items C and D together for voting purposes

NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/ Craig Sandoval Motion Carried 4-0-0

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion: Personnel

Started: 4:36 PM

Ended: 5:29 PM

NPS Motion by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene/ Craig Sandoval Motion Carried 4-0-0

XI. Travel

A. Approval: Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) Meeting, Washington, DC, April 11-14, 2023

B. Approval: Purdue University Counselor Fly-In, LaFayette, IN, April 16-19, 2023

C. Approval: World Robotics Competition, Dallas, TX, April 24-30, 2023

D. Approval: Brown University Advisory Board, Providence, RI, May 7-8, 2023

E. Approval: IB DP Theory of Knowledge Workshop, St Pete’s Beach, FL, June 19-24, 2023

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

NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Sandoval. Motion Carried 4-0-0

II. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next Regular board meeting for the Board will be held on April 21 at 1:00 PM.

Ending Notes: Student Ad Hoc member invited the Board of Trustees to the upcoming meeting of speeches by incoming Student Senate members on April 23rd and the Student Senate Inauguration on May 1.

It has been agreed that the Annual Summer Board of Trustees Meeting will take place on campus June 12-14.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

Minutes approved on April 20, 2023

M/S: Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Sandoval



Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President