



Board of Trustees

MINUTES – Special Session Meeting

Date: May 19, 2023, @ 10:00 A.M.

Location: NPS Campus, 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 10:01 A.M. 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 agenda for Friday, May 19, was approved with minimal addition of New Business item: Loan Request for New Build.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Sandoval Motion carried 3-0-1

V. Approval of Minutes: N/A

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 Ad Hoc read the Land Acknowledgement to the attendees.

Introduction of incoming Student Ad Hoc for SY 23-24, Marcus Nahalia

VII. Reports

A. Student Ad Hoc, Watson Whitford

The Student Ad Hoc gave a verbal presentation of a compilation of the year's highlights.

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

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Memo Approval: Amendment to SY 23-2024 Academic Calendar

The Dean of Instruction explained the updated changes to amend the SY 23-24 calendar which include the Hozho Naasha schedule and moving the Mountain Day date.

B. Resolution Approval: Navajo Preparatory School to Request Two Million from Navajo Nation Resolution

In October 2022, NPS requested a resolution for five million which was not moved on to the Navajo Nation legislation. NPS is amending our NPS resolution to the Navajo Nation to two million to assist with furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E), which is anything not attached to the building. Council Delegate, Dr. Andy Nez has agreed to move forward with the Navajo Nation resolution.

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

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

IX. New Business

A. Resolution Approval: Confirming and Congratulating the Senior Class of 2023 for completing the required Courses of Study by the Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. New Mexico Department of Education, and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the resolution of our graduating class of 2023.

B. Resolution Approval: Recognizing Outstanding Student Achievement by Awarding Scholarships of Excellence

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the resolution of students who will receive a Board of Trustees scholarship for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Native Language Preservation (1), Exemplary Atsá Exhibition (6).

1 **C. Memo Approval: Nááts'íilid Scholarship Fund**

2 Ms. Darah Tabrum read the resolution of students who will receive the Nááts'íilid Scholarship (10)

3 **D. Resolution Approval: In Kind Gift to Student Ad Hoc**

4 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the resolution of gifting a Apple Mac Computer to our Student Ad
5 Hoc.

6 **E. Resolution Approval: Loan Request for New Build.**

7 The Director of Finance proposed to request a loan from a local financial institution for a loan for new build in
8 the amount of two million.

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

10 NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Bernadette Todacheene Motion Carried 4-0-0
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12 **X. Personnel**

13 **A. Approval: New Hires**

14 The Director of Human Resources has extended offers to two football coaching positions.

15 **B. Approval: Resignations**

16 The volleyball coach has decided to leave the coaching position.

17 **C. Approval: Summer Pay**

18 The Director of Human Resources read a memo requesting summer pay for numerous personnel needed for
19 the summer camps on campus.

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

21 NPS Motion by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene/Craig Sandoval Motion Carried 4-0-0
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23 **XI. Travel**

24 **A. Approval: DBOSBA Summer Conference, Las Vegas, NV, June 7-11, 2023**

25 **B. Approval: Nita M Lowery Summer Symposium, New Orleans, LA, July 18-21, 2023**

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

27 NPS Motion by Dr. Todacheene/Craig Sandoval Motion Carried 4-0-0
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29 **XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

30 The next Regular board meeting for the Board will be held on June 15th

31 The meeting adjourned at 11:42 A.M. Motion Carried 4-0-0
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33 **Minutes approved on: June 15, 2023**

34 **M/S:** Craig Sandoval/Dr. Todacheene



Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President