



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Date: July 20, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M.
Location: NPS Campus

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:42 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. Craig Sandoval joined via Zoom.

The invocation was provided by board member Dr. Bernadette Todacheene.

IV. Land Acknowledgement

Student Ad-Hoc Marcus Nahalea read the Land Acknowledgement.

V. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda from Thursday, July 20, was approved with minimal changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Todacheene

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VI. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 15, 2023, regular Board Meeting and June 22, 2023, Special Board Meeting were approved with no changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Todacheene

Vote 4-0-0

VII. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements

The Board of Trustees introduced themselves to the attendees. The Head of School introduced the Admin Team members in attendance.

Public Comments: MacGarrett Pablo of the Navajo Health Education Program presented the Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey, an annual anonymous student survey. A resolution was recommended for the August board meeting through the Academics department.

Alyssa Begay from Farmington Women's Business Center expressed interest in partnering with NPS students to offer the "Skills To Pay the Bills" workshop.

Announcements: Two New Mexico Public Education Department representatives discussed how HB-198 helped increase funding for schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education. The Innovation Zone (\$200K) and Next Generation Grant (\$207K) will support schools to develop high-quality education programs.

VIII. Reports

A. Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti

The Head of School shared the highlights from her July report.

B. Division Director of Business and Human Services, Manuel Watchman

The Division Director for Business and Human Services gave the highlights from his July report, which included the budget up to June 30th.

IX. Unfinished Business – N/A

X. New Business

A. The SY 23-24 Board Bylaws were tabled pending review by the school attorney.

NPS Motion/Second: Dr. Todacheene/Sherrick Roanhorse.

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B. Approval: Decline IDEA Part B

The Head of School presented a memo for Decline of IDEA Part B, an annual agreement.

1 **C.** Approval MOA: Dine College Agreement

2 The Head of School introduced an annual agreement with Dine College for dual credit between NPS and Dine
3 College. The agreement is from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2027.

4 **D.** Approval MOA: San Juan College Student Nursing Clinical Agreement

5 The annual agreement with San Juan College encompasses the period from June 1, 2023, to June 1, 2027,
6 which was presented by the Head of School.

7 **E.** Resolution Approval: Purchasing Card Certificate of Authority

8 The Director of Finance presented the resolution requesting to add a purchasing card for the new Executive
9 Assistant to the Head of School.

10 **F.** Resolution Approval: Doctoral Student Research Study

11 Ms. Darah Tabrum put forth the resolution requesting approval for a Dissertation Research Study titled
12 "Decolonizing Practices in Dine Educational Leadership."

13 NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Sandoval

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15 **XI. Personnel**

16 **A.** Approval Memo: Resignations (2)

17 The Head Cheer Coach and the librarian resigned from their positions.

18 **B.** Approval Memo: New Hires (6)

19 A total of six recent appointments have been made, comprising two positions in athletics, four in the faculty,
20 and two new staff members, one of whom is the newly appointed Executive Assistant to the Head of School.

21 NPS Motion/Second: Dr. Todacheene /Craig Sandoval

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23 **C.** Approval: Contract Changes

24 The Director of Human Resources asked for modifications to the contract dates of four staff members.
25 However, the Head of School removed two items (b and c), while item d will be addressed in a subsequent
26 discussion.

27 NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Todacheene

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29 **D.** Evaluations

30 Tabled discussion to next meeting.

31 NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Dr. Todacheene

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33 **XII. Travel**

34 **A.** Approval: National Summer Learning Summit, Washington DC, October 8-12, 2023

35 The Head of School requested approval for one (1) board member and two (2) additional staff to attend the
36 conference.

37 **B.** Approval: NAIS Leadership Conference, Washington DC, October 12-16, 2023

38 The Head of School requested approval for two (2) administration and two (2) board members to attend the
39 conference.

40 NPS Motion/Second: Dr. Todacheene/Craig Sandoval

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42 **XIII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

43 The next Regular Board Meeting Date: August 18th @ 2:00 P.M.

44 The meeting adjourned at 1:08 P.M.

45 NPS Motion/Second: Dr. Todacheene /Sherrick Roanhorse

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47 **Minutes approved on** August 18, 2023



48 **M/S:** Dr. Todacheene/Sherrick Roanhorse

Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President