



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Date: August 18, 2023 @ 2:00 P.M.
Location: NPS Campus

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:05. P.M. by the Board President, Anderson Yazzie, Jr. All four elected Board members were present for a quorum, and Recording Secretary Lynette Billie announced the roll call. Board member Craig Lee Sandoval provided the invocation.

IV. Land Acknowledgement

Student Ad-Hoc Marcus Nahalea read the Land Acknowledgement

V. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda for Friday, August 18, 2023, was approved with a minor change to the date.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Lee Sandoval Vote 4-0-0

VI. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 20, 2023, regular Board Meeting were approved with a minor date change.

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

VII. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements

The Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti, introduced the Admin Team members in attendance. The guests and The Board of Trustees also introduced themselves.

Public Comments: Dr. Telletha Valenski of San Juan College West presented on partnering with Navajo Prep to help educate, empower, and inspire school-aged youth.

VIII. Reports

A. Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti

Head of School shared the highlights from her August board report, which included updates, plans, and school accomplishments.

B. Associate Head of School for Academics and Operations, Keith Neil

Associate Head of School for Academics and Operations reported academic progress, preparation, and achievements.

C. Associate Head of School for Advancement and Outreach, Darah Tabrum

Associate Head of School for Advancement and Outreach highlighted participation in Navajo Nation Youth Day events and parades. Updates on recruitment and school visits were also mentioned.

D. Director of Dine Bizaad Center, Kevin Belin

Director of Dine Bizaad Center, Kevin Belin, reported on June Culture Camp outcomes, promising student projects with well-known authors, implementing TOK Indigenous Knowledge into the classroom, and assessment sharing with BIA schools.

E. Division Director of Student Life and Wellness, Roderick Denetso

Division Director of Student Life and Wellness was absent from reviewing highlights due to a minor complication.

F. Student Senate, Marcus Nahalea

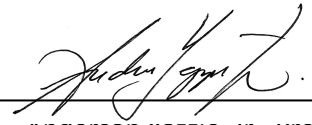
Student Senate members announced that various student committees have been established, and planning has begun on important student events.

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

Division Director of Business and Human Services shared the highlights from his August report, including budgetary, financial, and insurance updates.

- 1 **IX. Unfinished Business**
- 2 **A.** Board Bylaws SY 23-24 were tabled pending research. The Bylaws will be revisited at a September 15,
3 2023, work session.
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- 5 **X. New Business**
- 6 **A.** Approval MOA: Navajo Highways
7 Daryl Begay and Pete Sands presented the Navajo Highways Puppet Show with a proposal to partner with
8 Navajo Preparatory School as its fiscal agent.
- 9 **(B,C,D)** Resolution Approvals: Business Policy SY 23-24, Vendor Selection for Audit Services and Investments
10 SY 23-24.
11 Manuel Watchman reported on the corrections, updates, and new title changes to the business policy, along
12 with selecting the new audit company, Accounting Financial Solutions. Investment status updates were shared.
- 13 **E.** Approval MOA: Academic Calendar Updates SY 23-24
14 Keith Neil provided details on the updated SY 23-24 academic calendar due to the delayed beginning of the
15 school year.
- 16 **F.** Resolution Approval: Navajo Nation Health Education, Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey
17 Head of School explained the reason for the survey and why it is beneficial for Navajo Prep students to partake.
18 NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Lee Sandoval Vote 4-0-0
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- 20 **XI. Personnel**
- 21 **A.** Approval Memo: Resignations (8)
22 **B.** Approval Memo: New Hires (12)
23 **C.** Approval: Stipends (Academics/Coaches)
24 **D.** Approval: Job Description Changes (3)
25 Director of Human Resources Violet Kelley reviewed resignations, new hires, stipend payout dates for academic
26 staff and coaches, and job description changes.
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- 29 **XII. Travel**
- 30 **A.** Approval: Boiler Training & Certification, Oklahoma City, OK, August 28-September 7, 2023
31 **B.** Approval: Boiler Training & Certification, Oklahoma City, OK, September 18-September 23, 2023
32 Executive Assistant to HOS Lynette Billie explained the postponed training dates of items A and B. The board
33 agreed to approve the training beforehand, and will not need to be presented again.
- 34 **C.** Approval: Annual Giving Workshop, Chicago, IL, October 1-5, 2023
35 The Head of School requested approval for Yvette Escojeda to attend the fundraising, advocacy, and outreach
36 workshop.
- 37 **D.** Approval: Tribal Interior Budget-Education Subcommittee Quarterly Meeting, Washington, DC, November
38 6-10, 2023
39 Head of School requested approval for Student Ad-Hoc and one chaperone, possibly Associate Head of School
40 for Academics and Operations to attend the conference along with the Head of School for advocacy and federal
41 policy initiatives.
- 42 **E.** Approval: National Congress of American Indians, New Orleans, LA, November 12-17, 2023
43 The Head of School and two board members will attend.
44 NPS Motion/Second: Dr. Todacheene/Craig Lee Sandoval Vote 4-0-0
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- 46 **XIII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**
- 47 Next Regular Board Meeting Date: September 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
48 A Work Session is scheduled at begin at 11:45 a.m.
49 The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.
50 NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Lee Sandoval Vote 4-0-0
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- 1 Minutes approved on 09/22/2023
- 2 M/S: Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Sandoval



Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President