

NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, INC.
Monthly Navajo Preparatory Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

| Meeting Date and Time | |
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| Date of Meeting: | October 27, 2023 |
| Time of Meeting: | 2:00 PM |
| Meeting Location | |
| Location of Meeting: | Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. 1220 W Apache St Farmington, New Mexico 87401 |
| Meeting Attendees | |
| Present at Meeting: | Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Pres; Sherrick Roanhorse, Vice-Pres.; Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, Sec./Tres.; Craig L. Sandoval, Member; Marcus Nahalea, Student Ad Hoc Member; Shawna Becenti, Head Of School, Lynette Billie, NPS Sec.; Violet Kelley, Office Of Human Resources; Manuel Watchman, Office Of Business And Finance |

The regular meeting of the Navajo Preparatory Board of Trustees of NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, INC. was called to order at 2:06 PM on October 27, 2023 at Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. by Anderson Yazzie, Jr..

I. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda was approved without any changes. Board President Yazzie acknowledged that an Executive session will be added. It was Motioned/Seconded by Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig Lee. Vote: 4-0-0.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of October 27, 2023, were approved. Changes were made to include proper use of acronyms and use sentence form. It was Motioned/Seconded by Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig L. Sandoval.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Invocation And Land Acknowledgments
Mr. Craig L. Sandoval & Marcus Nahalea
Dine' Prayer was presented by Craig L. Sandoval and the Land Acknowledgement was read Student Marcus Nahalea.

2. Introduction Of Guests, Public Comments, And Announcements
Shawna Becenti, Head Of School
Mrs. Becenti, introduced the Administrative Team and online staff.
 - A. 2023-24 Ms. Hozhno Naasha, Halley Thomas and Mr. Hastiin, Anthony Cruz were introduced, sharing platforms and commitments to their roles.
 - B. Board of Trustees, introductions provided.
 - C. American Indian Science and Engineering Society students introduced themselves. They also reported on participating on the event and how it will enhance their education, locally/globally, and support future internships and studies. They also expressed collaborating with other tribes and cultures while establishing new friendships. There were no Public Comments.Announcements:
 - A. Mrs. Becenti announced the approval of the Legislation 0231-23 and gratitude for the support received. The Official signing dates and times will be forthcoming. Other State of NM, Navajo Nation and NPS events will be occurring during the same time frame.
 - B. Keith Niel, Associate Head of School for Academics and Operations, commented on the completion of the Navajo Nation Youth Resiliency Survey and the upcoming Speech and Debate Tournament.
 - C. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement and Outreach, shared highlights from recent events and the successful participation outcomes reflected in the increased admissions applications.
 - D. Board of Trustees conveyed sincere appreciation and gratitude for the efforts of all stakeholders involved in recent legislation, conference attendance and nationwide collaboration.

3. Reports:
 - A. Shawna A. Becenti, Head Of School
Mrs. Becent shared insight to advocacy next steps, objectives and upcoming travel. School improvement endeavors

continue as well as the hosting of various events. Presentations for multiple meetings are diligently being worked on while outreach efforts progress.

B. Board Reports, Board of Trustees - Travel updates were given by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, Craig Sandoval, and Marcus Nahalea. The attendees exchanged knowledge pertaining to the summer learning, mental health, social emotional learning student leadership panels, and seized the opportunity to reconnect with their professional network.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- NONE

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Resolution Approval, Supporting Full Funding Levels, Advance Appropriations And Mandatory Funding For Bureau Of Indian Education Funded Schools
Shawna Becenti, Head Of School

Mrs. Becenti, HoS, presented the resolution to get support for full funding for all BIA schools. This initiative will also support increased pay for non-teachers and supplemental employees. The board approved the resolution while encouraging advocacy.

It was Motioned/Seconded by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene/Craig L. Sandoval

Voted: 4-0-0.

2. PERSONNEL

Ms. Violet Kelly, Director Of Business And Human Resources

A. Approval of Personnel Memo: Resignations & Discharge (2)

B. Approval of Personnel Memo: New Hires (6)

C. Approval Personnel Memo: Job Descriptions (1)

Approval of Personnel Memo; Cross County Volunteer Stipend (1)

Director of Human Resources Violet Kelly summarized all agenda items with a revision needed for item D.

It was Motioned/Seconded Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig L. Sandoval to approve items A, B, C, D with revisions needed.

Vote: 4-0-0.

3. TRAVEL

Mr. Keith Neil, Associate Head Of School For Academics And Operations

A. Approval: Mexico Exchange Program, San Lui Potosi Mexico, Jan. 6-Feb. 17, 2024.

Mr. Neil presented on the exchange program that one staff member and two students will attend. Ms. Becenti will escort the students to Mexico. A board member requesting to attend this trip will be discussed at the November board meeting.

It was Motioned/Seconded by Sherrick Roanhorse/Craig L. Sandoval

Vote: 4-0-0.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL, LITIGATION, OR OTHER RELATED ISSUES

Shawna Becenti, Head Of School

Executive session was called at 2:47p.m. to discuss NPS matters.

It was Motioned/Seconded by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene/Craig L. Sandoval.

The Executive Session was ended at 5:14.

It was Motioned/Seconded by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene/Craig L. Sandoval.

Meeting was called to order Anderson Yazzie, Jr. with all in favor.

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 11:00 AM on November 20, 2023 at:

Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

1220 W Apache St

Farmington, New Mexico

87401

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

NPS, Inc. minutes, Unfinished Business, New Business, Personnel, Travel, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM by Anderson Yazzie, Jr..

Minutes submitted by: Lynette Billie

Dr. Bernadette Todacheene

Minutes approved by: Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, Ed.D.