



Board of Trustees
MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Location: Navajo Prep School (virtual) 1:00 PM

Board Members Present: Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr., Sherrick Roanhorse,
and Student Ad Hoc Board Member: Ajahrain Yellowhair

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM by the Board President, Matthew Tso. All four elected board members were present for a quorum and the Student Ad Hoc member Ajahrain Yellowhair was also present. Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced the roll call in which all the board members were present.

The invocation was provided by the Board of Trustees member, Mr. Charley Long, Sr.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda for Thursday, July 22nd was approved with the following recommended change: Request to move the Reports section to the end of the board meeting to allow time for Indigenous Design Group’s presentation.

NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0

V. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 10th and July 12th Board Meeting were approved with no changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0

VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements

The Board of Trustees introduced themselves and the Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti introduced the Administration Team members to our guests from Indigenous Design Group (IDG).

Announcements: Head of School announced that NPS has been covering community support by lending our buses to the Connie Mack World Series during the past week. Board Member Sherrick Roanhorse thanks NPS for the positive social media posts.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion: Master Planning Next Steps

The president from the Indigenous Design Group(IDG), Tamarah Begay and Cheyenne Wilson-Architect, joined the meeting and gave updates on the campus Master Planning. IDG tasked NPS to send the topographic survey, IDG will send NPS an agreement, IDG will visit NPS to do a campus walk around, and then we will have a Kick-Off meeting. Tamarah Begay, suggests a six-month schedule.

B. Resolution Approval: Return to School Revisions

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the resolution to request approval for the updated Return to School Plan (RTS) – Phase II. The NPS staff is 90% vaccinated, and the Human Resources department is conducting COVID-19 surveillance testing on the 10% of unvaccinated staff. The RTS plan states that student’s desks will be 3’ apart, every person on campus shall be masked indoors, we will now allow food vendor deliveries for students during the day, and there have been a few changes to the COVID-19 flow chart.

NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

VIII. New Business

A. Resolution Approval: Amending the 2021-2022 Board of Trustees By-Laws and Policies

The Head of School read the resolution requesting minimal changes to the Board of Trustees By-Laws which included compensation for remote meetings in Section A.8.4 (P. 14). The Board of Trustees recommended adding a section to include mileage compensation for the Student Ad Hoc member.

NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr/Sherrick Roanhorse Motion Carried 4-0-0

1 **B. Memo Approval: Audio Production Course Description**
2 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read his memo to the Board of Trustees proposing a new course titled
3 Audio Production. The instructor of the yearlong course is Mr. Brent Garcia. The course will show
4 Students will be able to mix sound and audio through
5 their school-issued laptops as well as on the sound production board
6 NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Sherrick Roanhorse Motion Carried 4-0-0
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8 **C. Resolution Approval: Amending the 2021-22 Business Policy**
9 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS
10 to amend the Business Policy. Business Policy revisions included duplicated items, paragraph edits,
11 and decrease the threshold for Request for Proposals (RFP's) from \$75,000 to \$60,000.
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13 **D. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-21st Century Grant.**
14 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS
15 to increase the 21st Century Budget due to funds recently received.
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17 **E. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-Dine Soaring Grant**
18 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS
19 to increase the Dine Soaring Grant budget due to funds recently received.
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21 **F. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-Johnson O Malley**
22 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS
23 to increase the Johnson O'Malley budget due to funds recently received.
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25 **G. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-New Mexico Davis Scholarship**
26 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS
27 to increase the New Mexico Davis Scholarship budget due to funds recently received.
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29 The Board of Trustees agreed to combined items C-G together for voting purposes.
30 NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso Motion Carried 4-0-0

31 **IX. Personnel**

32 **A. Approval: Additional Stipends**
33 Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a memo requesting approval of stipends for
34 elective departments heads and a mentor.
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36 **B. Approval: New Hires (10)**
37 Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested approval for ten new hires that
38 included: two part time drivers, three security officers, an english teacher, and two coaches', the
39 food service director; and the student success coach.
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41 **C. Resolution Approval: SY 2021-22 Amended Organizational Chart**
42 Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a resolution requesting approval to amend
43 the organizational chart which will include an added position of a groundskeeper.
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45 **D. Resignation**
46 Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a memo announcing that a food service
47 worker has left NPS.
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49 The Board of Trustees agreed to combine items A - D together for voting purposes.
50 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr. / Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 1 **X. Travel**
2 **A. Approval:** NACAC Conference, September 23-25, 2021, Seattle, WA
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4 The Board of Trustees approved travel to the NACA Conference for the Dean of Student and Community
5 Engagement, the School Counselor, and the College and Alumni Success Coach. The New Mexico Davis
6 Scholarship program is funding the travel for professional development.

7 NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

8 **XI. Reports**

9 **A. Head of School** gave a quick update on current projects, we will begin planning the 30th year
10 anniversary celebration of NPS, the State of New Mexico Indian Affairs Committee held a meeting
11 on campus, and the Head of School also presented the Annual Report to the team and the Board of
12 Trustees.

13 **B. Dean of Instruction** announced that for school year 2020/21 we have had two full diploma IB students.
14 Five other students were one point away from qualifying for full DP. Mr. Neil also mentioned that this
15 school year we will have students on campus for face-to-face instruction.

16 **C. Director of Finance** presented the July budget reports.
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18 **XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

19 The next regular meeting for the Board will take place on August 24th at 5:30 PM. The meetings will
20 continue on the third Tuesday of each month. The School Board meetings will continue to be held virtually
21 for the public in accordance with the Navajo Nation stay-at-home ordinances.

22 The date for the Annual Christmas Party is December 16th at the Civic Center.

23 The meeting adjourned at 3:29 P.M. Motion Carried 4-0-0
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27 **Minutes approved on** 8/24/2021.

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30 M/S Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Sherrick Roanhorse
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Matthew Tso, President