



**Board of Trustees**  
**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**

Date: September 22, 2021, at 5:30P.M.

Location: Navajo Prep School (virtual)

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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.

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

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The proposed agenda for Wednesday, September 22nd, was approved with one request from the Head of School to add an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./ Charley Long, Sr.

Motion carried 4-0-0

**V. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting were approved with no changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Charley Long, Sr.

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, Community Member-Craig Sandoval, Camille White (employee) Rachel Brown (parent) was also in attendance.

Parent addressed a transportation request, and NPS responded that a cost analysis would need to be completed.

Announcements: Board Member Sherrick Roanhorse announced he was enjoying the AISES conference and enjoying seeing how involved our students are in the conference. Mr. Roanhorse mentioned that he will continue with the Residential School Discussion Meetings in October.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Head of School**, Shawna A. Becenti gave a quick update on current projects, and also gave an update on the resolutions that still need to go before the chapters of Chinle, and Crownpoint. Chinle's resolution will take place on October 9, 2021, for the five year Re-authorization.

**B. Dean of Student and Community Engagement**, Darah Tabrum gave an update with the School Based Health Centers student surveillance testing project.

**C. Student Senate President** gave an update on the September meetings and planning for Homecoming. The Student Ad Hoc board member also mentioned the student's feedback with the dining service's food. The Head of School suggested that the student Ad Hoc Member reach out to the Food Service's Director and come up with some options.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Discussion: Return to School (RTS) Plan**

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti and Darah Tabrum updated the group on some small additions to the July 2021 Return to School Plan.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Resolution Approval: MOU New Mexico MESA**

Head of School Shawna A. Becenti notified the Board of Trustees of the MOU with the NM MESA program. NPS has been affiliated with the NM MESA program for the last ten years and we would like to move forward with the continued partnership.

- 1       **B. Resolution Approval:** Memo Approval: BIE Narratives – Residential, G&T, SPED, NLL  
2             Head of School Shawna A. Becenti explained that BIE requests these approvals each year and that  
3             they are to be board approved each year.
- 4       **C. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-A Choice in Learning Grant**  
5             Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS  
6             to increase the budget due to carry over funds.
- 7       **D. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-BIE Minor Improvements and Repair Fund**  
8             Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS  
9             to increase the BIE budget due to carry over funds from 06/30/21.
- 10       **E. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-Department of Education for an An Oral Language**  
11             Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS  
12             to increase the BIE budget due to funds recently received.

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14       The Board of Trustees agreed to combined items A-E together for voting purposes.

15       NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr.   Motion Carried 4-0-0

16   **X. Personnel**

17       **A. Approval: New Hires**

18             Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested approval for a listing of new hires  
19             including coaches.

20       **B. Resignations**

21             Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a memo announcing the departure of three  
22             employees.

23       **C. Resolution Approval: Revision to the Organizational Chart and Authorization to Add the Safety &**  
24             **Emergency Response Director Position**

25             Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a resolution requesting approval of the  
26             addition of the Safety and Emergency Response Director.

27       **D. Approval: Stipends SY 2021-2022**

28             Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a memo requesting stipends for listed faculty  
29             and staff duties that are in addition to their regular positions.

30       **E. Approval: COVID-19 Stipends**

31             Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a memo requesting a stipend for select  
32             employees who have diligently assisted with managing safety measures for employees and  
33             continuing to keep the campus.

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

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

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37   **XI. Travel**

38       **A.** Approval: Discovery Canyon Campus School, Colorado Springs, CO, November 4-5, 2021

39       **B.** Approval: SHRM Annual Conference HR Certification Prep, November 15-19, 2021,  
40             Alexandria, VA

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42             Head of School announced the travel request details for items A and B. The Dean of Instruction gave  
43             the details for item B, in which IB Instructors will visit an IB school in Colorado. The Board of  
44             Trustees approved travel items A-B.

45       NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

46   **XII. Executive Session 7:34 PM-8:24 PM**

47       NPS Motion by Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Charley Long, Sr.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

1 **XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

2 The next regular meeting for the Board will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM Central Standard Time  
3 and will continue to be held virtually for the public in accordance with the Navajo Nation stay-at-home  
4 ordinances.

5 The meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

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9 **Minutes approved on 10/14/2021.**

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12 M/S Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr.



**Matthew Tso, President**