



**Board of Trustees**  
**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**  
October 20, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.

4 **Board Members Present:** Sherrick Roanhorse, Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr.  
Student Ad Hoc: Cade Allison

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

7 The meeting was called to order at 5:33PM by the Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse. Four of three  
8 elected board members were present for a quorum. Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced roll  
9 call in which the majority of the board members were present. The invocation was provided by Mr. Charley  
10 Long.

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12 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

13 The proposed agenda for Tuesday, October 20th was approved with no changes.

14 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso

**Motion carried 3-0-1**

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16 **V. Approval of Minutes**

17 The minutes for September 21st were approved with no changes.

18 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso

**Motion carried 4-0-0**

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20 **VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments and Announcements**

21 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti announced that our first Virtual Parent Teacher Conference was held on  
22 September 21<sup>st</sup>, the students completed a form with their parents and then set up a virtual conference with  
23 their teachers. A press release will come out shortly in the local newspaper to share our recent grant awards.  
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25 **VII. Personnel**

26 **A.** New Hire –Director of Finance (*moved to Unfinished Business for minutes*)

27 **B.** Temporary Hire

28 **C.** Extend Contracted Employee

29 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read a memo of recommendations. The board agreed to group items  
30 A through C together for voting purposes.

31 NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso

**Motion Carried 4-0-0**

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33 **VIII. Reports**

34 **A.** Interim Director of Finance, Remick Rappleye gave an update on the current audit. NPS had nine audit  
35 findings four of the finding have been addressed. This audit did not have any material weaknesses.

36 **B.** Academic, Keith Neil

37 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil gave a quick update of the first full quarter of online learning, and shared  
38 that our teachers “felt like this was their longest quarter ever.” Mr. Neil gave a sincere appreciation for  
39 our teaching staff, including the subs as monitors and for all their dedication and thankful for the school  
40 nurse for being so helpful.

41 **C.** Network Administrator, Sean Bekis reported the results of the shipment of cellular routers from Native  
42 Innovations. The IT department plans to assist the ten students who absolutely cannot get any  
43 connection. He stated that the students and staff think the MacBook’s are great!

44 **D.** Dean Student and Community Engagement, Ms. Darah Tabrum is excited about the news of NPS being  
45 awarded two grants from the Department of Education. NPS applied for three and we should get a  
46 response by November 3<sup>rd</sup> on the third grant. One of the grants will fund the personnel for the Dine  
47 Bizaad Center. The second grant will cover three years. NPS was one of 11 awardees. This past school  
48 year we had ten Chief Manuelito Scholars, which is more than any other year.  
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50 **VIII. Unfinished Business**

51 **A. Personnel – New Hire**

52 The previously hired Director of Finance declined to take the offered position. A new Director of Finance  
53 has been selected. We welcome Ms. Malinda Fowler who has over ten years working in a school  
54 environment and is well versed in Ivisions our accounting software. She will start on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Approval Memo: Compensation for Additional Teaching Hours**

Dean of Instruction, Mr. Keith Neil read his memo requesting that Ms. Flores be compensated for instructing a Dual Credit course after hours.

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

**B. Approval Memo: Increase to Budget-due to New Grants**

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the resolution and gave a summary of the two grants.

NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**

**C. Approval Resolution: Authorizing Performance Pay Incentives for Employees**

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of Trustees to authorize incentives for our NPS employees. Vice President Matthew Tso announced that he is thankful for all of our employees and their hard work.

NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. **Motion carried 4-0-0**

**D. Approval Resolution: Amendment to Change Trustees with Lincoln Financial**

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti summarized the resolution and explained with the new Director of Finance we would need to remove the previous listed trustee.

Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**

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Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso **Motion carried 4-0-0**

**XI. Travel - N/A**

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

The next regular meeting for the Board will continue as the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM, which will be November 17, 2020. The School Board meetings will continue to be held virtually in accordance with the State and Navajo Nation stay at home ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50P.M. **Motion Carried 4-0-0**

Minutes approved on 11/17/2020.

  
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Sherrick Roanhorse, President

M/S Anderson Yazzie, Jr.

Matthew Tso

Minutes prepared by: Yvette Escojeda