



**Board of Trustees**  
**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**  
Date: October 18, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M.  
Location: Student Success Center

**Board Members Present:** Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr., Sherrick Roanhorse, and Student Ad Hoc-Watson Whitford

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by the Board President, Matthew Tso. All four elected board members were present for a quorum and Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced the roll call. The invocation was provided by the board member Charley Long, Sr.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The proposed agenda for Tuesday, October 18, was approved with no changes.  
NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Sherrick Roanhorse Motion carried 3-1-0

**V. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2022**

The minutes from the September 20th, Board Meeting were approved with no changes  
NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 3-1-0

**VI. Introduction of Guests, Public Comments & Announcements**

Head of School introduced the Admin Team and guests: Robert Apodaca, Dwayne Crank, and San Juan College staff.

**Public Comment:** Staff from San Juan College; Sherri Paxon, and Geri Tsosie gave a presentation on the 2023 GO Bond encouraging staff and NPS community to vote yes for the bond on November 8, 2022.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti**

Head of School gave a quick highlight of mentionable areas on all the Admin Team’s monthly reports which are included in the monthly board packet. Our Head of School also announced that the Hogan Grand Opening will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, Unity Day is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Hozhoo Naasha Pageant will be at the San Juan College on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We have been having on going meetings with the Residential Housing vendor and their architect/designer. DeWayne Crank from the Washington Navajo Nation office came to give a short presentation about requesting assistance for his report on native language.

**B. Student Ad Hoc**

The Student Ad Hoc gave read his report with highlights of the recent Senate meetings. Announced that the Student Senate is planning the Homecoming schedule with the theme of A Night in Hollywood.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Approval Memo – Amendment to COVID-19 Incentives**

The Head of School read the resolution requesting incentives for students and staff which will allow for an additional incentive with proof of the COVID-19 booster.  
NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

**IX. New Business**

**A. Resolution Approval: MOU NMPED Test Waiver - State Assessments**

Dean of Instruction introduced the resolution for the assessments waiver process which will now meet the requirements of PED.

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

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

**B. MOU Approval: Terranova IB School, Mexico**

Dean of Instruction introduced the agreement for the student exchange between the Terranova IB School in Mexico and NPS. The Dean of Instruction thanked Mr. Iwana for his devotion and time arranging this program, and stated that Mr. Iwana was instrumental in this process.

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

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

**C. Resolution Approval: Residential Home Design Build Agreement with Jaynes Corporation**

The Head of School presented the agreement from the awarded vendor of the Residential RFP which was completed in early October. The board agreed to move forward with the agreement upon the approval of the School Attorney.

**D. Resolution Approval: Amendment to Personnel Policy**

The Director of Human Resources read the resolution requesting to amend the personnel policy which discusses the leave process within the employee's probationary period.

**E. Resolution Approval: SY 22-23 Investment Plan**

The Director of Finance read the resolution which proposed a two year investment plan.

**F. Resolution Approval: Navajo Nation Funds**

The Head of School read the resolution requested the approval to ask the Navajo Nation for funds for infrastructure which would match the State of New Mexico Capital Outlay funding of \$7.7M.

The Board of Trustees agreed to combine items C-F together for voting purposes.

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

**X. Personnel**

**A. Approval: Resignations (2)**

**B. Approval: New Hires (4)**

Four new employees have joined our NPS team which include two custodians and two security personnel positions.

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

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

**XI. Travel**

**A. Approval: IB Festival of Hope, November 13-15, 2022, Chicago, IL**

**B. Approval: UCEA Conference, November 15-22, 2022, Seattle, WA**

**C. Approval: IB Arms Conference, November 16-18, 2022 Denver, CO**

**D. Approval: National Afterschool Association Convention 2023, March 18-22, 2023, Orlando, FL**

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

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

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

The next Regular board meeting for the Board will be held on October 18th at 5:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M. Motion Carried 4-0-0

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_

M/S:

Matthew Tso, President