



## Board of Trustees

### MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Date: November 16, 2021 @ 5:30PM

Location: 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 Tuesday, November 16th, was approved with a request to add resolutions: Item H and Item I to the New Business section.

NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./ Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-1

#### V. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 14th, Board Meeting were approved with no changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Sherrick Roanhorse Motion carried 4-0-1

#### 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, also in attendance were also parent of a student.

#### VII. Reports

- A. **Head of School**, Shawna A. Becenti gave a quick update on current projects such as the rebranding project and an update on the recent Townhall meeting which was held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- B. **Dean of Student and Community Engagement**, Darah Tabrum announced that the school assisted the NNDODE with a writing a grant and the grant has been awarded.
- C. **Dean of Instruction**, Keith Neil gave an update that the Junior Class has requested to host a pow wow on campus and the NPS Leadership team has approved the Pow wow fundraiser.
- D. **Director of the Dine Institute**, Kevin Belin updated the group on the Hogan timeline.
- E. **Dean of Student Life**, Roderick Denetso has hired three new substitute residential assistants, and gave an update on the seven day program.
- F. **Student Council President** gave an update on the positives of residing in the seven-day program.

#### VIII. Unfinished Business N/A

#### IX. New Business

- A. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-Navajo Nation Title IV Grant
  - B. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-Department of Education Title VI Grant
  - C. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-Department of Education CARES I
  - D. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-Department of Education CARES II
- Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the above resolutions requesting approval from the Board to increase the budget due to carry over funds.
- E. Resolution Approval: Approval: Resolution Adopting the FY 2023-2027 Infrastructure Capital improvement Plan (ICIP)
- RMA Consultant lead the discussion regarding the efforts for Building 32 to move onto state funding.
- F. MOU Approval: New Mexico Department of Health – Youth Peer to Peer Helper Program
- Dean of Student Engagement announced the program that the NM Dep of Health has asked NPS to partner with for wellness support and approval to accept the funds for the NMDOH.

G. Approval: Stipend Hozho Naasha and Atsa Hastiin Sponsor  
Head of School requested a stipend be paid to the Hozho Naasha Royalty sponsor to assist with leadership building skills and other duties for the 21-22 school year royalty.  
The Board of Trustees agreed to combined items A-G together for voting purposes.  
NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

H. Approval: Indian Boarding School Initiative Letter to Honorable Deb Haaland, United States Secretary of the Interior  
School Board Member Sherrick Roanhorse and the Residential School Board Committee presented a letter that was drafted by Dr. Wendy Greyeyes to the board for approval to move forward.  
NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

I. Approval: John Hopkins Mental Health MOU  
Dean of Student Engagement announced that John Hopkins has asked NPS to engage in a partnership with them to allow for additional wellness support through case management.  
NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

**X. Personnel**

**A. Resignations**  
Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a memo announcing the departure of employees.

**B. Approval: New Hires**  
Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested approval for a listing of new hires.

**C. Resolution Approval: Stipend for teachers covering prep times**  
Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a resolution proposing to allow for compensation for teachers who cover another teacher’s assignment while the covering teacher is on their prep time.  
The Board of Trustees agreed to combine items A - C together for voting purposes.  
NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0

**XI. Travel**

- A. Approval: College Visit to the University of Tampa, Tampa, FL, December 4-6, 2021
- B. Approval: United Soccer Coaches Convention, Kansas City, KS, January 19-23, 2022
- C. Approval: National Bilingual Education Conference, February 6-11, New York, NY
- D. Approval: National Superintendent’s Conference, Nashville, TN, February 16-20, 2022

The Dean of student and community engagement gave the details for Item A: the travel is completely paid for by the University of Tampa. The Dean of Instruction gave the details for item C, this travel was already approved in October it is now approved for a different teacher in place of the previous teacher. The Board of Trustees approved travel items A and D.  
NPS Motion by Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

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

The next regular meeting for the Board will take place on November 16th at 1:00 PM and the Annual Christmas Party will be held at 6:00PM the same day.  
The meeting adjourned at 5:23 P.M. Motion Carried 4-0-0

**Minutes approved on December 16, 2021.**



**Matthew Tso, President**

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