



Board of Trustees

MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Date: January 18, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Location: La Fonda Hotel, Ballen Boardroom/Virtual – Santa Fe NM

*In conjunction with Legislative Initiatives

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 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, January 18th, was approved with no changes

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/ Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0

V. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 11th and 16th, 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, School Nurse, RMA Consulting Representative, the Sunny 505.

Public Comments: A parent joined the meeting stated she wanted to share that NPS's COVID positivity numbers are not clear enough.

Announcement: Head of School announced that Sunny 505, and RMA Consulting will do a presentation. Snow Day has been moved to February 16, 2022.

VII. Reports

A. Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti introduced the Sunny 505 team, and the team shared the new Navajo Preparatory School's iterations which included the logo update. During the spring our website will also get a new look. Our NPS font will now be the same across all branding including the academics and athletics departments.

Mr. Apodaca from RMA Consultants updated the group on priorities for state funding which include infrastructure improvements, technology and security updates, building 32 plans, student housing, and operational funding.

B. Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler gave a quick presentation on investments. She announced that the draft audit for SY 2020-21 will be available by the February meeting.

C. Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil shared data on grade comparison from last year during this time to this year, there has been a substantial improvement due to face-to-face classroom time.

D. Dean of Student and Community Engagement, Darah Tabrum announced the number of students that have been admitted for the 2022-2023 school year. Ninety-four (94%) of our current seniors have been accepted to colleges for school year 2022-2023. Ms. Tabrum will have some updates on SAT/ACT scores during the February meeting.

E. Dean of Student Life, Roderick Denetso gave an update on the after school program which will include a piece that is based on Maslow's hierarchy.

F. Director of the Dine Institute, Kevin Belin updated the group on the Hogaan timeline, the Hogan should be completed by Hozho Naasha week in April. We will have a ceremony in April to welcome the new hogaan. Board President requested a Bilingual Seal update for the February board meeting.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion: Return to School Updates

Ms. Darah Tabrum announced a few significant changes to the Return to School Plan and an updated flow chart. The School Nurse, Kandice Duvall gave the updated student positivity rate. The Board of Trustees requested vaccine booster data for the February board meeting.

New Business

B. Resolution Approval: Rebranding Presentation, Sunny 505

Head of School requested the approval of the newly presented iterations from Sunny 50's rebranding project which includes the logo and font update that will for all branding including the academics and athletics departments.

C. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-BIE 21st Century Grant

D. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget-Inter Tribal Association Student Services.

Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the above resolutions B and C requesting approval from the Board to increase the budget due.

The Board of Trustees combined items A-C for voting.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr.

Motion carried 4-0-0

IX. Personnel

A. Approval: 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 which included a full-time groundskeeper, Navajo language teacher, three part time positions and two substitute positions.

C. Resolutions Approval: Minimum Wage Increase

Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested approval to raise the minimum wage which will retro actively go into effect for payroll 12/26/21.

D. Approval: Language Department stipend

Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested the approval of a sign on payment for the language department's newly hired teachers.

E. Approval: Stipend for Lunch Duty Supervisor

Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested approval for a stipend for two lunch duty supervisors which will be paid from CARES funding for SY 21-22.

F. Approval: Lead Security Officer

Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested approval for a stipend for the lead security officer which will retro back to the past nine months and through SY 21-22.

The Board of Trustees combined items A-F together for voting.

NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr.

Motion carried 4-0-0

X. Travel

A. Approval: Class of 2022 Senior Trip, March 11-15, 2022, Los Angeles, CA

The Dean of Instruction gave the details for travel for the Class of 2022 who will travel to LA in March. The class sponsor will ensure the students maintain COVID-19 precautions.

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

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 February 16th at 5:30 PM.

3 The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Motion Carried 4-0-0

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7 Minutes approved on 2/15/22



Matthew Tso, President

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11 M/S: Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr.