



1 **Board of Trustees**

2 **MINUTES – Regular Meeting**

3 Date: February 15, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

4 Location: Navajo Preparatory School Campus

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

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

9 The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by the Board President, Matthew Tso. All four elected board
10 members were present for a quorum and the Student Ad Hoc member Ajahrain Yellowhair was also
11 present. Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced the roll call.

12 The invocation was provided by the Director of the Diné Bizaad Center, Mr. Kevin Belin.

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14 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

15 The proposed agenda for Tuesday February 15th, was approved with one change to move the Audit
16 presentation by James Shanklin of Heinfield Meech before Reports.

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

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19 **V. Approval of Minutes**

20 The minutes from the January 22nd, Board Meeting were approved with no changes.

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

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

24 The Board of Trustees introduced themselves and the Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti introduced the
25 Administration Team members, Ms. Patti Williams – School Attorney, and James Shanklin-Heinfield and
26 Meech Auditor. James Shanklin of Heinfield Meech gave a summary of the draft audit for SY 2020-2021.

27 Announcement: The Board of Trustees President gave a shout-out to the Director of Finance and is
28 thankful for the clean audit.

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30 **VII. Reports**

31 **A. Director of the Dine Institute**, Kevin Belin updated the group on the Hogaan timeline, the Hogan
32 should be completed by the end of March and there is a live stream of the work in progress.

33 **B. Dean of Instruction**, Keith Neil shared academic data and comparisons of grades since last year.

34 **C. Director of Human Resources**, Manuel Watchman gave an update of our school employee insurance
35 program announced that we will not have a rate increase this year. He also announced we had the
36 Annual HR audit which had no findings.

37 **D. Dean of Student and Community Engagement**, Darah Tabrum shared that it was the fourth week in
38 a row for decreased COVID-19 positivity rates on the school campus. We currently have four students
39 eligible for the Chief Manuelito scholarship.

40 **E. Student Senate President**, gave an update on the Spring prom planning and shared with recent
41 meeting minutes from the student senate.

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43 **VIII. Unfinished Business - N/A**

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45 **IX. New Business**

46 **A. Resolution Approval:** Increase Budget-Outdoor Learning Grant

47 **B. Resolution Approval:** Amending the Certificate of Authority with Vectra Bank

48 **C. Approval Master Agreement:** University of New Mexico

49 **D. Resolution Approval:** Draft Audit SY 2020-2021

50 **E. Memo Approval: CFR 25 C.F.R. Subchapter** (bus transportation), 39.702-704 (commercial
51 transportation), 39.216-221 (residential), 39.204 (average daily membership (ADM) calculation)
52 Waiver

1 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the above resolutions A, B, and D requesting approval
2 from the Board to increase the budget due to a new grant and to omit the Director of Finance and
3 add the Head of School to the account, and to present the draft audit.
4 The Head of School presented item C and Item E: NPS will engage with UNM for the addition of a fall
5 course and presented the 25CFR Waiver.
6 The Board of Trustees combined items A-E for voting.
7 NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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9 **VI. Personnel**

10 **A. Approval: Resignations**

11 Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a memo announcing the departure of the
12 music teacher at the end of their contract.

13 **B. Approval: New Hires**

14 Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested approval for new hires which included
15 four spring coaches: Track (3), and Baseball.

16 **C. Approval: Position Reclassification and Pay Adjustment**

17 The Director of Human Resources read the memo to request approval to reclassify and adjust pay
18 for the position of Program Assistant in the Student and Community Engagement department.
19 The Board of Trustees combined items A-C together for voting.
20 NPS Motion/Second: Sherrick Roanhorse/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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22 **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 23 **A.** Convene in Executive Session 7:03 PM
24 **B.** Reconvene in Open Session 8:05 PM
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26 **VIII. Travel**

27 **A. Approval: AZ Junior Sciences and Humanities Symposium, March 18-20, 2022, Tucson, AZ**

28 The Dean of Instruction gave the details for travel for the AZ Junior Sciences and Humanities
29 Symposium which will travel to Tucso, AZ to compete in the science fair. The group lead will ensure
30 the students maintain COVID-19 precautions.
31 NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 4-0-0
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34 **XII. Future Business, Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

35 The next Special Session meeting for the Board will take place on February 22nd at 5:30 PM.
36 The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M. Motion Carried 4-0-0
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40 Minutes approved on March 22, 2022



41 **Matthew Tso, President**
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M/S: Anderson Yazzie, Jr. / Charley Long, Sr.