



1 **Board of Trustees**
2 **MINUTES – Regular Session Meeting**

3 Date: March 22, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

4 Location: Virtual Meeting

5 **Board Members Present:** Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr., Sherrick Roanhorse,
6 Student Ad Hoc Member; AjahRain Yellowhair

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

9 The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by the Board President, Matthew Tso. All four elected board
10 members and the Student Ad Hoc Member were present for a quorum and Recording Secretary,
11 Yvette Escojeda announced the roll call.

12 The invocation was provided by the board member Charley Long, Sr.

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14 **IV. Approval of Agenda**

15 The proposed agenda for Tuesday March 22nd, was approved with no changes.

16 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 3-0-1

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18 **V. Approval of Minutes**

19 The minutes from the February 15th (Special Session), February 22th (Regular), and March 11th (Special
20 Session) Board Meeting were approved with no changes.

21 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 3-0-1

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

24 *Guests:* Administrative Team, Assistant to the Dean of Instruction; Jennifer Kaskalla, Residential Advisor;
25 Camille White. *Announcements:* Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti gave a summary of the recent
26 professional development training-NIEA on the Hill in Washington DC, while in DC the group met with two
27 potential Scholarship donors Stephen and Deborah, we are excited to move forward with the partnership.
28 Congratulations to the basketball program, both the girls and boys basketball team moved on to the state
29 competition. Congratulations to Coach Melvin for District Coach of the Year. Congratulations to Dontrelle
30 Denetso for bringing home Athlete of the Year. Congratulations to our Athletic Director Rainy Crisp she
31 had been asked to attend the Final Four Basketball games in Minnesota.
32 School Board Member Sherrick Roanhorse asked for prayers for our US Senator Ben Ray Lujan (NM) for a
33 speedy recovery.
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35 **VII. Reports**

- 36 **A. Head of School,** Shawna A. Becenti gave a quick update on current projects, attended training in DC
37 and met with three US Senators: Teresa Legar Fernandes (NM), Raul Grijalva (AZ), and Ben Ray Lujan
38 (NM) and also visited with Navajo Nation Delegates in DC. Head of School also gave an update on the
39 website changes and should go live by the new school year. The four year Reauthorization binder has
40 been submitted. The Hogan and 30th Year Celebration will coincide with each other on April 19, 2022.
- 41 **B. Director of the Dine Bizaad Center,** Kevin Belin shared the Hogan construction updates, after the Hogan
42 is complete, the next steps are to work on the landscaping and a picnic area at the Hogan. One student
43 has been awarded the Biligual Seal, and four students volunteered to test.
- 44 **C. Dean of Student and Community Engagement,** Darah Tabrum gave an update on the admissions
45 program. We have 95 applications for school year 2022-2023.
- 46 **D. Director of Finance,** Malinda Fowler presented the new financial reporting format. The board of trustees
47 appreciates the new format of the reports
- 48 **E. Dean of Instruction,** Keith Neil gave an update in the academic's program, there are fifty-two (52) junior
49 students signed up for the SAT test, Council Delegate Amber Crotty will give the speech during the
50 graduation, and the family pods will be used again for the graduation. Announced that Tom Brunson the
51 IB Consultant was very valuable to have on site last month. Gave kudos to our kitchen staff on the return
52 of the salad bar, it has been a hit.
- 53 **F. Student Senate President** gave an update on the junior/senior prom and spirit week. The Student Ad
54 Hoc board member also mentioned the dining service's food has improved since September's reporting.

VIII. Unfinished Business - N/A

A. Resolution Approval: Navajo Prep Oral History Project Consultant Agreement

Dr. Wendy Greeyes gave a presentation on the March 11th Special Session. Shawna A. Becenti presented the agreement from Dr. Wendy Greeyes and the proposed budget. Board of Trustees member Sherrick Roanhorse requested that the Student and Community Engagement department to work closely with Dr. Wendy Greeyes.

NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 3-0-1

B. Resolution Approval: Amendment to Board of Trustees Bylaws

C. Resolution Approval: Board of Trustees COVID-19 Response Payment

The Board of Trustees agreed to table items B-C together for voting purposes.

NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 3-0-1

IX. New Business

A. Resolution Approval: Add AP/Payroll Clearing Account with Vectra Bank

Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to allow for an additional bank account from Vectra for AP and Payroll purposes.

NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

B. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget- Eve's Fund

Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to increase the budget due to Eve's Fund Scholarship.

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

C. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget- New Mexico Department of Health award

Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to increase the budget due to funds received from the New Mexico Department of Health

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

D. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget- New Mexico Capital Outlay Award, NPS Building 32 or Residential Housing-Expires Fiscal Year 2025

Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to increase the budget due to anticipated funds from the State of New Mexico Capital Outlay Award for NPS Building 32 or Residential Housing which will expires fiscal Year 2025

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

E. Resolution Approval: Increase Budget- New Mexico Capital Outlay Award, NPS Building 32-Expires Fiscal year 2026

Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to increase the budget due to anticipated funds from the State of New Mexico Capital Outlay Award for NPS Building 32 which will expire fiscal year 2026

NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion Carried 4-0-0

F. Resolution Approval: New Mexico Capital Outlay Award, NPS Building/Ground Construct -Expires Fiscal Year 2026

Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to increase the budget due to anticipated funds from the State of New Mexico Capital Outlay Award for NPS Building/Ground Construct -Expires Fiscal Year 2026

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

