



## Board of Trustees

### MINUTES – Regular Meeting Location: Durango Doubletree, Animas Room

April 20, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.

4 **Board Members Present:** Sherrick Roanhorse, Matthew Tso, Anderson Yazzie, Jr., Charley Long, Sr.  
Student Ad Hoc Board Member: Cade Allison

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:51 PM by the Board President, Sherrick Roanhorse. All four elected board members were present for a quorum and the Student Ad Hoc member Cade Allison was also present. Recording Secretary, Yvette Escojeda announced the roll call in which all of the board members were present.

The invocation was provided by the Board of Trustees member, Mr. Charley Long, Sr.

#### IV. **Approval of Agenda**

The proposed agenda for Tuesday, April 20th was approved with the following recommended changes:

(1) Request to add meeting location to the agenda and (2) add an Executive Session before Reports.

NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr.

Motion carried 4-0-0

#### V. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the March 23rd Board Meetings were approved with no changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Anderson Yazzie, Jr.

Motion carried 4-0-0

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

The Board of Trustees introduced their selves and the Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti introduced our guest: Patti Williams – School Attorney, and four parents.

Public Comments: Parents were given time to voice their concerns regarding the previous COVID-19 vaccination stipend.

Announcements: Mrs. Becenti, Head of School announced that we have three seniors who have successfully tested and received the Seal of Biliteracy, (2) Kuddos was given to our NPS athletes who were currently undefeated, and (3) Mrs. Tohtsoni and two of our students had the honor of having a panel discussion with First Lady Mrs. Jill Biden.

#### **Executive Session**

Begin: 6:16PM NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Anderson Yazzie, Jr.

End: 6:30PM NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr.

#### VII. **Reports**

**A. Academics:** Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil gave an overview of the Class of 2021's graduation ceremony. Students will be given for tickets for family to be in attendance.

**B. Residential Program:** Dean of Student Life, Leland Becenti shared highlights from his monthly report. Mr. Becenti stated the dorms are at full COVID-19 capacity. RA's are continuing to practice COVID safe procedures.

#### VIII. **Unfinished Business**

##### **A. Discussion: Capital Outlay Update-HB285**

Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti updated the group on this year's CO efforts and announced that our requests in HB 285 were granted. Plans for the funding are keyless entry for all buildings and improvements to facilities.

NPS is thankful to our local legislators including Mr. Anthony Allison, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, and Secretary of Indian Affairs, Lynn Trujillo.

- 1 **IX. New Business**
- 2 **A. Approve Resolution: Amendment to Student Vaccinations**
- 3 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti, read the resolution requesting to amend the resolution from
- 4 March 23<sup>rd</sup> to include students who are currently under the age of 16 who will become eligible to
- 5 receive the incentive in SY 2020-21, and 21-22.
- 6 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 8 **B. Approve Resolution: Increase Budget due to Increased Funding**
- 9 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS
- 10 to increase the Title VI budget in iVisions.
- 11 Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 13 **C. Approve Resolution: School Year 2021-22 Organizational Chart**
- 14 Head of School, Shawna A. Becenti, read the resolution requesting to amend the organizational chart
- 15 from June 2020. Changes include SBHC and the Student Support Specialist shall report to the Dean of
- 16 Student and Community Engagement Dept.
- 17 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./ Matthew Tso. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 19 **D. Approve Resolution: SY 2021-2022 Academic Calendar**
- 20 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil presented the 2021-22 School Calendar. After some discussion, it was
- 21 requested to defer this item to the May board meeting.
- 22 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 24 **E. Approve Resolution: SY 2020-2021 Summer School Program**
- 25 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the resolution to introducing Summer School plans to the Board
- 26 of Trustees. Summer School is planned for June 7- June 24. The summer school will target 25% of our
- 27 students who are in jeopardy of credit loss due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.
- 28 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 30 **F. Approve Resolution: Amend Concussion Procedures**
- 31 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the resolution and explained that we needed to update and
- 32 clarify some procedures.
- 33 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 35 **G. Approve Resolution: Honor Graduate Calculation Revision**
- 36 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the resolution and explained that our current Community
- 37 Handbooks policy tally's the Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian using ACT/SAT scores, because of
- 38 the COVID-19 pandemic it was not safe for many students to travel to testing locations. NPS would
- 39 like to remove the calculation of ACT and/or SAT scores percentages for school year 2020-21.
- 40 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/ Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 42 **H. Approve Resolution: Course Descriptions**
- 43 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the resolution to the Board of Trustees requesting to add four
- 44 new courses to classes for School Year 2021-22. Courses include Adobe 2-Animation, Film 2, Life Time
- 45 Sports, and Digital Music Production.
- 46 NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long Sr./Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 48 **I. Approve Resolution: Requests to Navajo Nation HEHSC Committee**
- 49 Board of Trustees President, Sherrick Roanhorse requested that NPS administration initiate a policy
- 50 change to the HEHSC committee to remove the calculation of ACT and/or SAT scores percentages for
- 51 school year 2020-21 so that more Navajo student can qualify for the Chief Manuelito Scholarship.
- The Board also requested addressing to the HEHSC to add a special scholarship for the Bilingual Award.
- NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/ Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0

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**X. Personnel**

**A. Approval: Full Time Employee Renewals/Non-Renewals**

Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman announced that we will have 75 full time and 23 part time employees who have been given renewal contracts for the 2021-22 School Year.

NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/ Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0

**B. Approval: Revise Job Descriptions**

Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested in a memo to change the current job descriptions for the (1) Payroll/Travel Specialist to Payroll/HR Specialist (HR and Finance Director will share supervision of this position), (2) IB Coordinator will include MYP responsibilities, (3) Adding an Extended Essay Supervisor, and (4) Food Service Director and eliminate the Food Service Manager position.

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

**C. Approval: New Hires**

Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman requested in a memo to recommendations for hire (1) Head Baseball Coach, (2) Payroll/HR Specialist, (3) Dine Bizzad Institute Director, (4) Media Arts Teacher, and (5) Softball Coach. The requested new hires have been approved by the board as long as background checks have been acceptable.

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

**D. Approval: Resignations**

Director of Human Resources, Manuel Watchman read a memo announcing an employee who left their position, and three other employees who plan to leave at the end of their contracts.

NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso Motion carried 4-0-0

**XI. Travel**

**A. Approval: NIEA Annual Convention, October 13-16, 2021, Omaha, NB**

Travel request to the NIEA Annual Convention was approved. The Board of Trustees requested that all Board Members shall be added to the NIEA Convention travel.

NPS Motion by Charley Long, Sr./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 May 21st. The School Board meetings will continue to be held virtually in accordance with the State and Navajo Nation stay at home ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. Motion Carried 4-0-0

Minutes approved on 05/21/2021 .

  
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Sherrick Roanhorse, President

M/S: Charley Long, Sr./Matthew Tso

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