



Board of Trustees

MINUTES – Regular Meeting Location: Navajo Preparatory School, Student Success Center
May 21, 2021 @ 2:00 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 2:23 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 Friday, May 21st was approved with the following recommended changes:
(1) Request to add item K under New Business the agenda and (2) add an Executive Session before Personnel.

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

V. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the April 20th Board Meetings were approved with no changes.

NPS Motion/Second: Charley Long, Sr./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 the admin team members.

Announcements: Mrs. Becenti, Head of School gave the Board of Trustees the graduation plan and time to meet on 5/22/21 for the graduation ceremony, (2) Board President, announced that UNM will have an architect summer program, Student Ad Hoc announced that we will have a new 2021-22 Student Ad Hoc and introduced the new ambassador.

VII. **Reports**

A. Academics: Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil gave an overview of the Class of 2021's graduation ceremony, and total graduating class on May 21, 2021, will be 57 seniors. School Nurse, Kandice Duvall shared recent vaccination data amongst students and staff. Board President suggested that the school nurse invite an alumni panel to give a COVID-19 pro/con webinar. The Athletic Director shared that our Lady Eagles took home the blue trophy and continue to hold the state title in basketball. IB Coordinator shared that NPS has been authorized to have a Navajo Language course now included as an IB course offering.

B. The Student and Community Engagement program shared their presentation on total scholarship awards and future plans for the Class of 2021.

C. Facilities and Operations Department gave updates on current projects around campus: the BOSC upstairs mezzanine area has been turned into two rooms, and the Navajo Language recording studio is complete with construction.

D. Student Senate President gave an update on the recent election of officers.

VIII. **Unfinished Business**

A. Resolution Approval: School Year 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

Dean of Instruction shared the updated Academic Calendar which shows listed event dates.

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

- 1 **IX. New Business**
- 2 **A. Approve Resolution: SY 2021-22 Operating School Budget**
- 3 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to
- 4 accept the proposed the school year 2021-22 Operating School budget. The Director of Finance
- 5 presented the budget as a power point also.
- 6 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 8 **B. Approve Resolution: Increase Budget-2020 Capital Outlay Funding**
- 9 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to
- 10 add an account line for Capital Outlay funding.
- 11 Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 13 **C. Approve Resolution: Increase Budget-2021 American Rescue Plan Act**
- 14 Director of Finance, Malinda Fowler read the resolution requesting approval from the Board of NPS to
- 15 add an account line for the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act.
- 16 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 18 **D. Approve Memo: Course Descriptions**
- 19 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the resolution to introducing Summer School plans to the Board of
- 20 Trustees. Summer School is planned for June 7- June 24. The summer school will target 25% of our
- 21 students who are in jeopardy of credit loss due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.
- 22 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 24 **E. Approve Memo: IB Handbook Revisions**
- 25 IB Coordinator presented the revisions of the IB Handbook for School Year 2021-22. The Dean of
- 26 Instruction read the memo requesting approval of changes from the Board of Trustees.
- 27 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 29 **F. Approve Memo: Amendment to Hybrid Plan to include flow chart**
- 30 The Dean of Instruction read the memo requesting approval to amend the Hybrid Plan to include the
- 31 COVID-19 Flow Chart.
- 32 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long, Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 34 **G. Approve Resolution: John Hopkins Project Safe Schools**
- 35 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the resolution about the surveillance testing for students that John
- 36 Hopkins will initiate. Dr. Hammitt from the John Hopkins Institute explained the process and gave
- 37 background information on the Project Safe Schools initiative.
- 38 NPS Motion/Second: Anderson Yazzie, Jr./Matthew Tso Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 40 **H. Approve Resolution: Confirming and Congratulating the Senior Class of 2021 for completing the**
- 41 **required Courses of Study by the Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. New Mexico Department of**
- 42 **Education, and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)**
- 43 Dean of Instruction, Keith Neil read the resolution confirming 57 graduates for the graduation ceremony
- 44 on May 22, 2021. Two more students will complete graduation requirements by the end of June 2021.
- 45 NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/ Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Motion carried 4-0-0
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- 47 **I. Approve Resolution: Recognizing Outstanding Student Achievement by Awarding Scholarships of**
- 48 **Excellence**
- 49 Head of School read the resolution to the Board of Trustees extending scholarships to students which
- include the Academic Excellence Scholarship (1), William Tso Memorial Scholarship(1), Ernestine Bates
- Memorial Scholarship (3), and the Academic Merit Scholarships (5).
- NPS Motion/Second: Matthew Tso/Charley Long Sr. Motion carried 4-0-0

