



Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

March Special Session Meeting Minutes

- 1 Date of Meeting: March 8, 2024 | 12:00pm MST
2 Location of Meeting: Student Success Center, Navajo Preparatory School, Farmington, NM
3 Present at the Meeting: Attendees (12): Shawna Becenti, Head of School; Keith Neil,
4 Associate Head of School for Academics and Operations; Darah
5 Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement and
6 Outreach; Manuel Watchman, Division Director for Business and
7 Human Services; Roderick Denetso, Division Director of Student
8 Life and Wellness; Kevin Belin, Director of Diné Bizaad Institute;
9 Anderson Yazzie Jr, School Board President; Sherrick Roanhorse
10 (Zoom), School Board Vice President; Dr. Bernadette
11 Todacheene, School Board Secretary; Craig L Sandoval, School
12 Board Member at Large and in place of Student Ad-Hoc Marcus
13 Nahalea, Haylei Redhouse

14 The March Special Session meeting of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was called to order at
15 12:02pm on March 8, 2024, by the Board President, Anderson Yazzie, Jr. Three of the four
16 elected Board members were present for a quorum, and the recording secretary announced
17 the roll call.

18 **INVOCATION**

19 Craig Sandoval provided the invocation.

20 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

21 The agenda proposed for Friday, March 8, 2024, has been approved with the following
22 modifications; Head of School requested to strike Introduction of Guests, Public Comments,
23 and Announcements. Head of School requested to add items E. Memo Approval: Evaluation
24 Modification in Personnel Handbook and F. Letter of Support Approval: J-1 Visa Teachers in
25 Tribal Education.

26 Motion to approve agenda made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Craig
27 Sandoval Vote: 3-0-1

28 **CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

30 A. Discussion/Approval: 2023 Audit Report Review

31 The Director of Business and Human Services introduced Terry Ogle, Auditor at
32 Accounting Financial Solutions to present results 2023 Audit Report. Board of Trustees
33 requested action items as presented by the Director of Business and Human Services.

34 Motion to approve Item A was made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Craig
35 Sandoval Vote: 4-0-0

36 B. Resolution Approval: SY 24-2025 Academic Calendar

37 Associate Head of School for Academics and Operations presented proposed 24-
38 2025 Academic Calendar. Key calendar changes were highlighted. Bureau of Indian
39 Education and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme instructional
40 hours per year were met.

41 Motion to approve Item B was made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Craig
42 Sandoval Vote: 4-0-0

43 C. Resolution Approval: Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) Education Subcommittee
44 Appointment

45 Head of School presented TIBC Education Subcommittee appointment. The Tribal
46 Interior Budget Council has established the Education Subcommittee to develop
47 budgets specifically for BIE, which funds tribally controlled school. Expressed it is in



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1 Navajo Preparatory School's best interest to formally authorize Shawna A. Becenti to
2 participate in TIBC Education Subcommittee.

3 Motion to approve item C was made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Craig Sandoval
4 Vote: 4-0-0

5 D. Resolution Approval: Purchasing Card Certificate of Authority

6 Head of School presented resolution requesting to add a purchasing card for the new
7 Executive assistant to the Head of School.

8 Motion to approve Item D was made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Craig Sandoval.
9 Vote: 4-0-0

10 E. Memo Approval: Evaluation Modification of Personnel Handbook

11 Division Director of Business and Human Services presented Evaluation Modification
12 of Personnel Handbook to extend performance evaluation due date to Friday, March
13 22, 2024 due to current conflicting dates of Spring Break week.

14 Motion to approve Item E was made by Craig Sandoval and seconded by Dr. Bernadette
15 Todacheene. Vote: 4-0-0

16 F. Letter of Support Approval: J-1 Visa Teachers in Tribal Education

17 Head of School presented letter of support for J-1 Visa teachers. Expressed
18 importance in supporting due to ongoing teacher shortage and need to retain qualified
19 educators.

20 Motion to approve Item F was made by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by Craig
21 Sandoval. Vote: 4-0-0

22 **TRAVEL**

23 A. Approval: Quarterly – Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) Education Subcommittee
24 Meetings: Washington D.C. March 17-23, 2024 | Pala, CA July 28-August 2, 2024 |
25 Washington D.C. November 17-23, 2024

26 Head of School presented quarterly travel for TIBC Education Subcommittee
27 Meetings.

28 Motion to approve Item A was made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Craig Sandoval.
29 Vote 4-0-0

30 B. Approval National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair (NAISEF): Still Water,
31 Oklahoma City April 5-7, 2024

32 Associate Head of School for Academics and Operations presented upcoming
33 NAISEF. Eight students have qualified and students in past have shown great success
34 in previous participation.

35 Motion to approve Item B was made by Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Craig Sandoval.
36 Vote 4-0-0

37 **EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL, LITIGATION, OR OTHER RELATED ISSUES**

38 Board entered Executive Session at 1:17pm.

39 Motioned by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by Craig Sandoval. Vote 4-0-0

40 Board returned to regular session at 2:25pm.

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Future Business

- A. Summer Work Session: June 10-14, 2024 – Telluride, CO
- B. Next Proposed Regular Board Meeting Date: March 29, 2024 – Navajo Preparatory School

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm by Anderson Yazzie Jr., Board President.

M/S: none taken

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Anderson Yazzie, Jr., President

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Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,
Secretary/Treasurer