



Monthly November 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

1 Date of Meeting: 11/15/2024 | 9:00 AM MST

2 Location of Meeting: Navajo Preparatory School - Hogan

3 Present at the Meeting: Attendees (13): Sherrick Roanhorse, President; Craig Lee
4 Sandoval, Vice President; Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, Secretary;
5 Anderson Yazzie Jr., Member At Large; Haylei Redhouse, Ad-Hoc
6 Member; Shawna Becenti, Head of School; Keith Neil, Associate
7 Head of School for Academics & Operations; Dr. Darah Tabrum,
8 Associate Head of School for Advancement & Outreach; Manuel
9 Watchman, Division Director of Business and Human Services;
10 Kevin Belin, Director of the Diné Bizaad Institute; April Chee,
11 Executive Assistant to the Head of School; Sean Bekis, Director of
12 Technology; Shawna Eaton, IT Tech

13 The regular November board meeting of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was convened at
14 9:16 AM on November 15, 2024, with Craig Sandoval, Vice President, presiding. Three elected
15 board members were present, establishing a quorum, and the recording secretary announced
16 the roll call.

17 **INVOCATION**

18 Kevin Belin, Director of the Diné Bizaad Institute, provided the invocation.

19 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

20 Student Ad-Hoc Haylei Redhouse read the Land Acknowledgement.

21 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

22 The proposed agenda for Friday, November 15, 2024, was approved with no edits or
23 modifications.

24 Motion to approve agenda made by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by Anderson
25 Yazzie, Jr. Vote: 3-0-0

26 **REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

27 The meeting minutes held on October 18, 2024, were approved with no edits or modifications.

28 Motion to approve previous minutes was made by Anderson Yazzie Jr. and seconded by Dr.
29 Bernadette Todacheene. Vote: 3-0-0

30 **CONSIDERATION OF OPEN ISSUES**

31 **INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

32 Shawna Becenti, Head of School, introduced herself and the staff present at the board meeting
33 in person and virtually. Board of Trustees members introduced themselves to guests present
34 at the board meeting. Mrs. Becenti shared that the Navajo Prep Cross Country team are 3A
35 NMAA State Champions and the Lady Eagle Cross Country team placed third overall. Mrs.
36 Becenti also shared that the International Baccalaureate has accepted Navajo language as a
37 group 2 requirement, which allows students to continue to pursue Navajo language courses
38 while pursuing the Diploma Programme. Special thanks were given to Kevin Belin, Dustin
39 Begay, Keith Neil, and Giovanni Romeo for their efforts in this endeavor.

40 **REPORTS**

41 **A. Administrative Team**

42 The Administrative Team members shared department highlights, upcoming priorities
43 and events, and professional development impacts and outcomes. Director of the
44 Diné Bizaad Institute, Kevin Belin, reported updates on the Navajo language
45 assessment with the new acceptance of Navajo language within the IB. Head of
46 School, Shawna Becenti, provided an update on campus development project status



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1 and next steps. Mrs. Becenti and Dr. Darah Tabrum, Associate Head of School for
2 Advancement and Outreach, shared highlights from their visit with the IB and Aiglon
3 College. The Administrative Team and Board of Trustees present at meeting
4 provided additional discussion and feedback to Administrative Team report. Manuel
5 Watchman, Division Director of Business and Human Services, gave an update on
6 the financial reports from October 2024.
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8 B. Haylei Redhouse, Student Senate

9 Haylei Redhouse, Ad-Hoc Member and Student Senate President, shared highlights
10 and planning objectives from each class and the Student Senate. Additionally, Ms.
11 Redhouse shared the donation request for blankets needed for graduation stoles on
12 behalf of the Senior Class of 2025.

13 C. Board Reports, Board of Trustees

14 Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, Secretary, shared updates on attending ceremony
15 conducted at the Navajo Prep Hogan and thanked staff, students, and parents that
16 were present. Dr. Todacheene also gave a brief update on attending the virtual
17 townhall and was grateful to hear feedback from staff and alumni and that she had the
18 opportunity to attend Discovery Days. Anderson Yazzie Jr., Member At Large, shared
19 that he attended Discovery Days and provided the welcome to potential students and
20 families.
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22 **CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

23 A. Resolution Approval: Personnel Policy Amendment

24 Head of School, Shawna Becenti, reviewed the resolution to amend the Personnel
25 Policy clarifying active employment status and substitute positions.

26 Motion to approve Item A made by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene and seconded by Craig
27 Sandoval. Vote: 4-0-0

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29 **PERSONNEL**

30 A. Approval Personnel Memo: Resignations

31 B. Approval Personnel Memo: New Hires

32 Manuel Watchman, Division Director of Business and Human Services, reviewed
33 resignations and new hires.

34 Motion to approve Items A-B made by Anderson Yazzie Jr. and seconded by Dr. Bernadette
35 Todacheene. Vote: 3-0-0

36 **TRAVEL**

37 A. Approval: International Baccalaureate International Schools Theatre Association DP
38 Workshop – February 20-24, 2025, Ontario, Canada

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40 Head of School, Shawna Becenti, reviewed the travel request for Brent Garcia to
41 attend the IB School Theatre Association DP Workshop.
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43 B. Approval: California Association of IB World Schools Workshop – June 18-25, 2025,
44 Lake Tahoe, CA

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46 Head of School, Shawna Becenti, reviewed the travel request for Keith Neil to attend
47 the California Association of IB World Schools Workshop.
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1 Motion to approve Items A-B made by Anderson Yazzie Jr. and seconded by Dr. Bernadette
2 Todacheene. Vote: 3-0-0

3 **AGENDA AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

4 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on December 7, 2024 at 1:00 PM in Scottsdale,
5 AZ.

6 **ADJOURNMENT**

7 The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM by Sherrick Roanhorse, Board President.

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9 M/S: none taken

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10 Sherrick Roanhorse,
11 President

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13 Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,
14 Secretary/Treasurer
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