



Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.

Monthly December Special Board Meeting Minutes

1 Date of Meeting: 12/19/2024 | 10:00 AM MT

2 Location of Meeting: Navajo Preparatory School

3 Present at the Meeting: Attendees (17): Sherrick Roanhorse, President; Craig Lee
4 Sandoval, Vice President; Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, Secretary;
5 Anderson Yazzie Jr., Member At Large; Haylei Redhouse, Student
6 Ad-Hoc Member; Shawna A. Becenti, Head of School; Keith Neil,
7 Associate Head of School for Academics & Operations; Dr. Darah
8 Tabrum, Associate Head of School for Advancement & Outreach;
9 Roderick Denetso, Division Director of Student Life & Wellness;
10 Manuel Watchman, Division Director of Business & Human
11 Services; Kevin Belin, Director of the Diné Bizaad Institute; April
12 Chee, Executive Assistant to the Head of School; Sean Bekis,
13 Director of Technology; Giovanni Romeo, Dean of Academics;
14 Lynwandowski Filfred, Human Resource Manager; Yvette
15 Escojeda, Advocacy & Outreach Coordinator; Jennifer Kaskalla,
16 Assistant to the Dean of Instruction

17 The special December board meeting of Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. was convened at
18 10:15 AM with Craig Lee Sandoval, Vice President, presiding. Three elected board members
19 were present, establishing a quorum, and the recording secretary announced the roll call.

20 **INVOCATION**

21 Kevin Belin provided the invocation.

22 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

23 The Land Acknowledgement was read by Student Ad-Hoc Haylei Redhouse.

24 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

25 The proposed agenda for Thursday, December 19, 2024, was approved with minor
26 modifications. Item VIII. New Business and Item IX. Travel was moved to consent agenda.

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

29 **REPORTS**

30 A. Dean of Academics & IB Coordinator, Giovanni Romeo

31 Mr. Romeo, provided a report on the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
32 evaluation and Middle Years Programme authorization. Mr. Romeo highlighted the
33 high remarks members of Navajo Prep's faculty received and hard work of the
34 Pedagogical Team including Mr. Gordon, Ms. Tohtsoni, Ms. McCabe, Ms. Crisp, Mr.
35 Belin, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Bader, Ms. Wolfe, and Ms. Hook. Mr. Romeo noted that the
36 investments made into training and resources has show in the programming for
37 students.

38 B. Division Director of Business & Human Services, Manuel Watchman

39 Mr. Watchman presented the salary study conducted that considered factors such as
40 cost of living and comparisons to area schools. Mr. Watchman and Lynwandowski
41 Filfred, Human Resource Manager, would present final recommendation for pay
42 increase for staff at the upcoming January Board Meeting.

43 C. Board of Trustees

44 Dr. Bernadette Todacheene, Secretary, provided a report on attending the DBOSBA
45 & DGSA Winter Conference in Las Vegas, NV. Dr. Todacheene reported that this
46 conference re-enforced that a good educational foundation is needed to continue
47 language revitalization efforts and commended the work done by the Diné Bizaad



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Institute. Sherrick Roanhorse, President, attended the the DBOSBA & DGSA Winter Conference as well and felt the conference was informational and will bring about opportunities for collaboration moving forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution Approval: 2024-2025 SY Board of Trustees By-Laws Amendment
- B. Resolution Approval: Bureau of Indian Education Standards and Assessments Waiver for the 2024-2025 SY and 2025-2026 SY
- C. Resolution Approval: Film Contract
- D. Resolution Approval: 2024-2025 SY Advocacy Plan

TRAVEL

- A. Approval: International Baccalaureate Global Workshops – February 28-March 4, 2025, Boston, MA
- B. Approval: Tribal Interior Budget Council Meeting – March 10-14, 2025, Washington, D.C.
- C. Approval: Indigenous Language Liberation Conference & Diné Language Continuity and Resurgence Convening Action for Symposium – April 15-19, 2025, Stanford, CA
- D. Approval: Innovative Schools Summit – July 13-19, 2025, Nashville, TN
- E. Approval: International Baccalaureate Global Conference 2025 – July 14-18, 2025, New Orleans, LA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made Sherrick Roanhorse and seconded by Dr. Bernadette Todacheene

Vote: 3-0-0

AGENDA AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Special Board Meeting will be held at Navajo Preparatory School with date and time recommendation from the Head of School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM by Sherrick Roanhorse Board President.

M/S: none taken

Dr. Bernadette Todacheene,
President

Secretary/Treasurer