

# NAH TAH WAHSH, PSA

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021

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**Present:** Alicia Bertrand, Vicki Dowd, Jackie Kang, Dustin Larson, Molly Meshigaud (in at 10:23), Marilyn Shawano, Geneva Wandahsega

**Absent:** None

**Guest(s):** Dr. Matt Johnson-Reeves, Bill Pistulka, Connee Sagataw, Shianne Uskilith, Melissa Ledford, Rebecca Spreitzer, Tammy Dlugas, Jesse Viau, Ken Meshigaud, Elaine Meshigaud, Seth Miller, Jeff Paupore, Cara Koster, Laura Bartel, Bridget Westlund, Vicki Welch, Paige Welch, Ross Raho, Jessica Strahl, Rachel Karaja, Jamie Pirlot, Michelle Carne, Jen Eagle, Laurie Tufnell, Laura Gogolewski, Donna Allsworth, Karen Broeders, Jeanne Berger, Jessica Brock (in at 10:15), Dan Kleikamp (in at 10:15), Kelly Arnold (in at 11:15)

**Location:** School Cafeteria

Jackie Kang, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
  - See handout.
  - Motion to approve agenda made by: Magg Wandahsega
  - Seconded by: Alicia Bertrand
  - Motion carried: 7-0-0
- **Board Meeting Minutes**
  - Motion to approve July 21, 2021 meeting minutes made by: Dustin Larson
  - Seconded by: Vicki Down
  - Motion carried: 6 - 0 - 1 abstain. Magg Wandahsega abstained since she was not here at the July meeting and requested that it be noted.
- **Superintendent Update: COVID19**
  - See handout
  - Verbal update from Matt Johnson-Reeves
  - Local health department met this morning.
  - Staff vaccination rate is now 57% as of last Thursday. Up from 42% in April.
  - Daycare staff vaccination rate is still at 50%, same as April.
  - 7% of students are vaccinated.
  - Current policy: any unvaccinated staff must wear a mask and all staff in contact with students must wear masks. Vaccinated staff not in contact with students do not need to wear a mask. All bus riders – staff and students, must wear masks.
- **Covid Plan 2021-22 School Year**
  - Other local districts have put out their Covid plans. Mask wearing has been left up to individual family choice, not school-wide mandates.
  - CDC order mandates masks on all public transportation, which includes school busses.
  - Schools are still required to report positive cases and assist with contact tracing.
  - There are “recommendations” and there are “requirements.”

- Requirement: quarantining
- Recommended to encourage vaccine (We are looking into offering a vaccination clinic at the Open House to provide anyone, but especially students the opportunity.), indoor mask use for all, physical distancing, weekly screening for unvaccinated staff and students, ensure proper ventilation, regular cleaning and disinfection, excluding non-employee close contact.
- New research on mask use and quarantining. Waiting for further information.
- Things to consider:
  - Masking policy: Ken Meshigaud shared current HIC mask policy and said the community will need to reconsider their work from home policy due to the school's mask policy.
  - Motion to test all employees, regardless of vaccination status, at least twice a week and go back to mask policy from last school year (worn by everyone all the time, including visitors, unless behind an individual plexiglass barrier; no masks outdoors and no masks for athletics – daily testing for athletes; in an enclosed space alone, not working with kids, may remove masks) made by Molly Meshigaud
  - Seconded by: Dustin Larson
  - Motion carried: 7-0-0
- **Old Business**
  - Credit Recovery Update
    - 22 students had the opportunity to participate
    - 3 students finished all courses they needed to make up
    - 5 students finished 1 or 2 courses with more to be completed
    - 14 students did not finish any courses they needed; however, not all were completely disengaged, some did try
    - Two different letters were sent home to families regarding student progress.
    - 15 classes were made up by students who participated
    - Some students can now attend the ISD because they made up courses
    - 4 students will progress to the next grade level because of their participation
  - Open House
    - See handout
    - Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 3:30 – 5:30
  - Intent to Retire: Ms. Lisa Bedard – November 1, 2021
    - Letter accepted by Board with discussion and appreciation for her years of service to the PSA & Hannahville Indian School.
    - Her position is currently posted
- **New Business & Action Items**
  - Behavior Management System
    - DSISD has transitioned from former program, called CPI, to a new program called “Handle with Care”
    - We had staff participate in this training in June. This involved a day of verbal de-escalation training and a day of physical restraint training. A handful of staff participated in a training of trainers and are certified to train additional staff moving forward.
  - Code of Conduct Handbook
    - See handout

- Language was edited to make sure policy aligns with Board Policies
- Motion to approve Code of Conduct Handbook made by:
- Seconded by:
- Motion carried:
- Employee Handbooks HIC & NTW
  - See handout
  - Motion to approve Employee Handbook made by:
  - Seconded by:
  - Motion carried:
- Student Handbook
  - See handout

Discussion from Dr. Reeves regarding all of the handbooks and work done by administrative staff to update them over this past summer. Work continued right up to the board meeting and he requested the Board approve all of the handbooks for implementation with the option for the Board to review them further at the September Board meeting.

Motion to approve ALL Handbooks, pending board review at September meeting  
made by: Magg Wandahsega

- Seconded by: Dustin Larson
- Motion carried: 7-0-0

- **Other**

- NMU report by Bill Pistulka:
  - Betty LaPoint will remain primarily liaison
  - We're up to date with new office appointments
  - K.C. Holder said virtual book study groups can begin and will likely start in the next few weeks
  - ESSA funds – there is a 30 minute informative presentation available for viewing
  - October 7 & 8 – NMU admin and staff leadership retreat in Mt. Pleasant
  - April 24 & 25, 2022: NMU Board Administrator Workshop

- **Public Comment**

- Ken Meshigaud: expressed appreciation to Board for their service and review of policies

- **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:47 by Dustin Larson
- Seconded by: Marilyn Shawano
- Motion carried: 7-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Recorded & prepared by: Melissa Ledford

Approved on: 9-9-2021

Victoria J. Powell  
Signature

Board President

Board Secretary