

NAH TAH WAHSH, PSA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Present: Alicia DeCota, Jackie Kang, Molly Meshigaud, Connee Sagataw, Marilyn Shawano, Geneva Wandahsega

Absent: Vicki Dowd (excused)

Guest(s): Dr. Matt Johnson-Reeves, Renee Watchorn, Lacey Kinnart, Betty LaPointe (Zoom), Shianne Uskilith (in at 10:23), Henry Philemon Jr., Melissa Ledford, Rebecca Spreitzer, Jesse Viau, Margie Gregoire, Kurt Tucker (Zoom), Spring Irving

Location: School Cafeteria

Jackie Kang, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
 - See handout.
 - Motion to approve agenda with additions of Board Retreat (9a) made by: Geneva Wandahsega
 - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0.
- **Board Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve January 14, 2021 meeting minutes made by: Geneva Wandahsega
 - Seconded by: Alicia DeCota
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0
- **Presentation**
 - **2019 Audit: Mr. Kurt Tucker, Midwest Professionals**
 - See handout (booklet)
 - Has been working with Hannahville since 1988.
 - Audit itself went really well – Renee’s Finance team were very helpful.
 - Opinion: These financial statements are presented fairly in accordance accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - Applause to Renee Watchorn for maintaining and presenting the statements in such a great fashion.
 - Nah Tah Wahsh PSA handles state dollars. Hannahville Indian School handles federal dollars.
 - Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds – Page 20 – most important statements for the Board to focus on. These funds are maintained on a daily basis.
 - Positive Fund Balance of \$1,085,186 (available for next year for future budget).
 - State focuses on this balance.
 - Majority of COVID-19 funding is on the Hannahville Indian School side.
 - There is some state funding, but will not put over the \$750k threshold.
 - Collateralization agreement has been established with our bank.
 - Note 17 – Subsequent Event – COVID-19 Pandemic
 - Has had an impact on our organization, but not fully known.
 - Have received some funding through Title I for supplemental instruction.

- Support from the Hannahville Tribe has remained the same.
 - No deficiencies related to the audit of the financial statements.
 - No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements.
 - Congratulations and job very well done to the Finance Department and Management (Matt and Renee).
- **2020-2021 Budget Update: Ms. Renee Watchorn**
 - See handout
 - Renee will bring the recommendations to the board meeting next week and go over with the board. A lot of them were “housekeeping” events.
 - A lot of changes since June’s projected budget.
 - Had budgeted 20% decrease in state funding (due to the news at that time).
 - That has not been the case as the state has provided.
 - Our state aid has increased significantly from what was projected due to our increase in our enrollment numbers and them not cutting the aid amount.
 - Our food numbers had decreased due to the enrollment numbers have decreased in Child care/EHS/HS due to COVID-19.
 - Will do another update before the end of the year. We are waiting on another payment for COVID-19 aid from the state. The additional amount has not been announced.
- **Superintendent Update: COVID19**
 - See handout
 - Risk factors in the county as of February 10th level was lowered to C. We haven’t seen that level since September.
 - School campus update: Basketball teams are able to play. First game was this week, and we won in overtime against Mid Pen.
 - See enclosed schedules.
 - We will be able to allow 2 family members per athlete for each team.
 - COVID-19 Vaccinations for our staff – all staff were allowed. Pfizer vaccine in Escanaba through OSF. Not a lot of adverse reactions with staff.
- **Old Business**
 - Board Self Evaluations
 - See handout
 - Please return to Lacey as soon as possible.
- **New Business & Action Items**
 - **Acceptance of 2020 Audit**
 - Motion to accept the Annual Financial Report, June 30, 2020 Audit made by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Seconded by: Alicia DeCota
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0.
 - **Spring 2020 Policies – 1st reading**
 - See handouts
 - Review for 30 days. Will bring back in March meeting.
 - **Reconfirmation of Extended Learning Plan January 2020-21**
 - See handout
 - No changes from original plan.

- Currently have 22 students that are Remote (Online) learning.
- Public comment on the plan: none.
- See two-way communication numbers in the report.
- Motion to accept Extended Learning Plan for January 2021 made by: Connee Sagataw
- Seconded by: Marilyn Shawano
- Motion carried: 5-0-0.
- **Other**
 - Dr. Betty LaPointe (NMU):
 - Unsure if everyone is able to gather in April.
 - Tentatively planning for an online setting with breakout sessions with other board.
 - Options: Friday, April 16th 1:00 – 4:00 or Saturday, April 17th 9:00 – 12:00.
 - Our board would like it during the week – they want to avoid Fridays and Saturdays.
 - Will be involved with NMU and all 9 charter school boards and administration.
 - Nah Tah Wahsh has always been the most attended board.
- **Public Comment**
 - Henry Philemon asked how many charter schools are there in the UP?
 - Matt will look into that.
 - Concern about the lunches for the students – would like warm meals served as opposed to quick and cold meals.
 - Will be down one staff member as one will be out for 6 weeks.
 - Will probably propose to the board in March to bring the students back in the cafeteria.
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion to adjourn meeting: Geneva Wandahsega
 - Seconded by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Recorded & prepared by: Lacey Kinnart

Approved on: March 11, 2021

Victoria J. Dawd
Signature

Board President

Board Secretary