

NAH TAH WAHSH, PSA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

Present: Alicia DeCota, Vicki Dowd, Jackie Kang, Molly Meshigaud (in at 10:09) Connee Sagataw, Marilyn Shawano, Geneva Wandahsega

Absent: None

Guest(s): Dr. Matt Johnson-Reeves, Seth Miller, Lacey Kinnart, Betty LaPointe (Zoom), Shianne Uskilith, Henry Philemon Jr., Melissa Ledford, Rebecca Spreitzer, Henry Williams, Spring Irving

Location: School Cafeteria

Jackie Kang, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
 - See handout.
 - Motion to approve agenda with additions of Nah Tah Wahsh Preparedness Work plan amendment made by: Connee Sagataw
 - Seconded by: Vicki Dowd
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0.
- **Board Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve December 10, 2020 meeting minutes made by: Geneva Wandahsega
 - Seconded by: Connee Sagataw
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0
- **Wellness Committee Policy**
 - See handout
 - Presented by Seth Miller
 - Nutrition Nuggets (blurb about healthy eating habits) distributed to K-5, and Teen Food and Nutrition handed out to 6th-12th students.
 - Once approved, will be placed on website and facebook page as well on the cafeteria tv's.
 - On committee: Seth, Scott, Nurse Tammy, Julia Schroeder, Renee Watchorn, Tonya LaFave.
 - Motion to approve policy made by: Geneva Wandahsega
 - Seconded by: Alicia DeCota
 - Motion carried: 6-0-0.
- **Superintendent Update COVID19**
 - See handout
 - Numbers are improving every week. Positive rate in Delta County is 4%. Was 15% in November.
 - Have had an employee test positive in the Youth Services Department.
 - Have had a teacher test positive last Friday, creating quarantine for two other teachers and an aide.
 - Tribal Health Center has received 100 Moderna vaccinations and they all have been given out.
 - Menominee/Delta Health Departments and OSF have not received any vaccinations last week that they requested.
 - 1,000 educators eligible to receive the vaccine.
 - About 40-45% of staff in this building are wanting the vaccine at this point.

- Will be able to offer vaccines to school employees, and will be offered through OSF. OSF will get the Pfizer vaccine.
- Governor Whitmer had press conference January 13, 2021 and had some changes.
- Basketball is not able to start right now. Going to look into what kind of practices can have.
- Back in December, students had a contest to design a mask. Had 7-10 submissions.
- Winner is Jesse Burkett, 2nd Grade. See printout.
 - Going through the same company that the Island Resort and Casino used to make the masks.
 - Will have a children size and adult size.
 - Ordered 600 for children and 1,200 for adults.
- See Book – “Our smallest warriors, our strongest medicine”. Jessica Blair took and coordinated project to be made into a book.
 - Received from ITC.
 - Each student will receive the book.
 - NMU was sent 4 copies.
 - Send some copies up to elder’s building.
- **Old Business**
 - None.
- **New Business & Action Items**
 - **Board Self Evaluations**
 - See handout
 - To have a board training session at the Casino Conference Room
 - Looking to do in late March or early April. Mornings are better than afternoons. On Thursday.
 - To schedule with Bill Pistulka and Tom Miller
 - Betty suggests each member complete page 54 of the manual – “How effective are you as a Board member”. Lacey to collect by next week.
 - NMU will put together an online webinar. They have not set a date yet.
 - **New Hires**
 - **1st Grade: Michelle Carne**
 - Comes from Holy Name. Will start January 25th.
 - **6th Grade: Gerald Reiffers**
 - Has started January 4th. Was subbing here since October.
 - Motion to approve both hires made by: Vicki Dowd
 - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Motion carried: 6-0-0.
 - **Reconfirmation of Extended Learning Plan December 2020-21**
 - See handout.
 - No changes to original plan.
 - Returned Face-to-Face January 7th.
 - Over Christmas Break, at-risk high school students came in to help catch them up.
 - Some Title I elementary students were coming in while on remote learning.
 - No public comment.

- See two-way communication numbers in the report.
- Melissa and Seth made home visits for students that were not participating.
- Buses delivered meals and homework twice a week.
- Trying to order more Chromebooks. Our suppliers are saying not available til June.
 - Reached out to BIE to see if they have connections to get them sooner.
 - We have COVID funds and grant funding to order that.
- Motion to accept Extended Learning Plan for December 2020 made by: Molly Meshigaud
- Seconded by: Geneva Wandahsega
- Motion carried: 6-0-0.
- **Emergency Temporary Telecommuting Policy – 2nd Reading**
 - See handout
 - Motion to approve policy made by: Connee Sagataw
 - Seconded by: Alicia DeCota
 - Motion carried: 6-0-0.
- **Fall 2019 and Fall 2020 Policies – 2nd Reading**
 - See handouts
 - See amendment for Fall 2019 policies
 - Motion to approve amendment and Fall 2019 and Fall 2020 policies made by: Vicki Dowd
 - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Motion carried: 6-0-0.
- **Special Board Meeting**
 - January 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
 - Needed to review the budget and make necessary adjustments and to go over Audit.
 - Geneva cannot attend due to prior appointment.
- **Proposed Addition to Workplace Preparedness and Response Plan**
 - See handout
 - Mirrors the Hannahville Indian Community policy in regards to vaccinations.
 - This policy says, when the opportunity comes around to take vaccines, that our health plan will pay for, and give paid time to get the vaccine, that the 80-hour COVID paid time off will no longer be available.
 - The vaccine is strictly voluntary.
 - Discussion about the sentence “Employees shall provide proof of vaccination to administrative staff.”
 - If a person is told to quarantine, they must quarantine, even if the school does not pay them. They are to use their sick/vacation time.
 - JKL ended the 80-hour COVID time December 31st. Hannahville is still offering it until vaccinations are available.
 - Motion to accept addition made by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Seconded by: Vicki Dowd
 - Motion carried: 6-0-0.
- **Other**
 - None

- **Public Comment**

- Spring Irving here and saying she's been subbing since the beginning of the year and says thanks for having her here.
- Question about allowing staff to travel. Business meetings are done via Zoom and no travel.
 - No restrictions on personal travel.

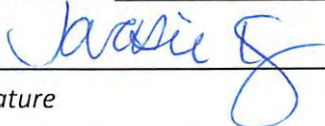
- **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn meeting: Geneva Wandahsega
- Seconded by: Alicia DeCota
- Motion carried: 6-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Recorded & prepared by: Lacey Kinnart

Approved on: 2-11-2021


Signature

Board President Board Secretary