

**NAH TAH WAHSH, PSA**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020**

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**Present:** Jackie Kang, Molly Meshigaud, Connee Sagataw, Shianne Uskilith, Geneva Wandahsega

**Absent:** Marilyn Shawano (unexcused), Charles Wandahsega (excused)

**Guest(s):** Tom Miller, Matt Johnson-Reeves, Seth Miller, Lacey Kinnart, Betty LaPointe, Vicki Dowd, Brenda Woelfel-Howard, Melissa Ledford, Renee Watchorn

**Location:** Zoom

Geneva Wandahsega, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
  - See handout.
  - Motion to approve agenda with additions of Student Support Services Director position made by: Shianne Uskilith
  - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
  - Motion carried 4-0-0.
- **Meeting Minutes**
  - See handout for June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to approve minutes made by: Molly Meshigaud
  - Seconded by: Shianne Uskilith
  - Motion carried 4-0-0
- **Charter Re-Authorization Update**
  - Everything is all in place.
  - Ready to have the contract put in place – 2 year contract.
  - Waiting on documents from the lawyers.
- **Board Members Continuation until Election**
  - Due to COVID-19, HIC has not done their annual election for HIC Board members, which effects NTW members.
  - Election held August 3, 2020.
  - Matt to inform NMU/KC Holder – continuation of the board members until September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Food Distribution**
  - See handout
  - Mobile Food Pantry July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 at Gathering Grounds
- **School Reopening Scenarios – MI Safe Start**
  - Governor released plan on June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Admin is digesting the information and coming up with plans.
  - Matt will send out plans next week. Seth and Matt working together and working closely with BRH and ISD schools.
  - May need to have a special meeting to talk further on that.
  - Masks are a guideline in a couple options.
  - HIS side of the school has the money to be able to cover what needs to be done.

- Discussion about guidelines for funding coming from Trump's tweets. His threats of eliminating funding if schools don't open up in September, we will not be effected. We are in a solid position.
- **Graduation**
  - Some changes as far as food serving and social distancing.
  - Ceremony is Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Casino Convention Center.
  - Rehearsal is Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- **Student Credit Request**
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grader, going to be a senior in 20-21 SY.
  - He does have a foreign language credit in Spanish from BR-H.
  - He has a unique situation and the goal is to be able to graduate on time in 2021.
  - Board is okay with accepting his Spanish credits as foreign language.
- **Teacher Staffing**
  - We have an open posting for HS Science Teacher
  - Other than that, teaching staff is full.
- **MHSAA Annual Membership Resolution**
  - Motion to accept MHSAA Annual Membership Resolution made by: Connee Sagataw
  - Seconded by: Shianne Uskilith
  - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- **Playground Update**
  - Met with Tribal Admin staff with various contract stuff
  - Issues with playgrounds will carry well into the school year
  - Will make sure that it is safe for students
  - Will work on getting bids and renew for a next summer project
  - We have \$42k in 2% money that we are hanging onto
  - May have \$60k in Early Childhood funding from Julia's program that may be utilized.
  - Total project is approx. \$200k
  - Tom will be working with Matt on this project to secure the rest of the funding.
- **New Business**
  - **Student Support Services Director, interim Adult FACE Teacher/Coordinator positions**
    - Comp committee has created the position of FACE Adult Ed and FACE Coordinator position.
    - Position was discussed with Tribal Attorney. Drive was coming from Tribal Attorney.
    - Position will be posted as NTW position at teacher pay scale with a stipend.
    - She does not get to pick and choose what she wants, she will have to apply for the new FACE position.
      - She has been in to work but has not been working as Student Supports Services Director. She has been working as FACE Adult Ed Teacher/Coordinator. She has been using a lot of her earned vacation time.
    - Student Support Services Director position and FACE Adult Ed Teacher/Coordinator positions are both Nah Tah Wahsh positions.
    - Discussion about why has nothing been done if she hasn't been doing her job.
      - If Holly is refusing to do her job, then it is up to Matt for disciplinary action.

- Formal resignation or formal dismissal will be coming in the next week. Matt will give update next week in his communication with the board.

- **Public Comment**

- Melissa Ledford – on behalf of the NTW Teaching Staff, they want to say thank you and they are grateful for working for a financially sound school and the support of the board and Tribal Council.

- **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn meeting: Connee Sagataw
- Seconded by: Jackie Kang
- Motion carried 4-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Recorded & prepared by: Lacey Kinnart

Approved on: August 10, 2020

Jackie Kang

Signature

Board President

Board Secretary

Board Vice-Chair