

NAH TAH WAHSH, PSA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

Present: Alicia Bertrand (in at 10:45), Vicki Dowd, Jackie Kang, Dustin Larson, Molly Meshigaud, Marilyn Shawano, Geneva Wandahsega

Absent: Geneva Wandahsega (excused)

Guest(s): Dr. Matt Johnson-Reeves, Lacey Kinnart, Betty LaPointe, Shianne Uskilith, Connee Sagataw, Melissa Ledford, Jackie Thurber, Laura Bartel, Jesse Viau, Rebecca Spreitzer (in at 10:45)

Location: School Conference Room

Jackie Kang, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
 - See handout.
 - Motion to approve agenda with addition of Affirmation of Consultation with Tribal Rep for MDE made by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Seconded by: Dustin Larson
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- **Board Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve June 10, 2021 meeting minutes made by: Vicki Dowd
 - Seconded by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- **Superintendent Update: COVID19**
 - Verbal update from Matt Johnson-Reeves.
 - Local health departments haven't met this month.
 - First Delta variant is reported in Marquette County this morning.
 - Will have an update on vaccination rates for staff and students at the August meeting.
 - Will need to have 10 people signed up to get the shot as each vial vaccination covers 10 people.
 - Staff are asking the board to reconsider the staff mandate on masks.
 - All local area summer schools are not requiring masks.
 - CDC is still recommending masks.
 - Outside of the school there aren't masks being required.
 - Recommendation from the Board today would go to Tribal Council and have approval from them.
 - Board believes that we should keep things the same until the next board meeting in 3 weeks.
 - Matt would like to create a staff/board member COVID committee to discuss this upcoming year.
- **Old Business**
 - Curriculum Work Committee
 - Structure of the board right now is that we have monthly meetings.
 - We would like to create committees to do work and include board meetings.
 - Working already: Native Language and Culture

- Curriculum: to work with Alicia Bertrand, Vicki Dowd and Molly Meshigaud to include language and culture.
 - Emails will be sent out to the board to invite them to the work meetings.
 - NMU Book Study
 - See books from NMU.
 - Then depending on which books are chosen per member, pair them up with other people to through NMU to discuss the book.
- **New Business & Action Items**
 - 2021-2022 School Calendar
 - See handout
 - Will have new staff orientation on August 23rd and give them a tour of the school and community.
 - Open House on August 26th from 3:30 – 5:30
 - Suggestion to have bouncy house and dunk tank at open house.
 - First day of school is August 30th.
 - Last day of school is June 2nd
 - Has 181 student days scheduled with the option of having a day off in February to host the Northern Lights Tournament.
 - Hopefully we will have the Play Day on the last day of school.
 - Motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar made by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Seconded by: Dustin Larson
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0.
 - Revised Board Meeting Calendar
 - See handout
 - May have to change the October 14th meeting due to NIEA.
 - NMU has a retreat at Soaring Eagle downstate in October.
 - Motion to approve revised board schedule with possible October changes made by: Vicki Dowd
 - Seconded by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0.
 - Superintendent Evaluation
 - See one-page handout.
 - Jackie queried all of the forms she got back and sent the excel version to Matt and Betty.
 - Overall score is 3.36/4 = 84% (effective).
 - Board congratulates his great work especially during this difficult time.
 - Motion to accept Dr. Matthew Johnson-Reeves' superintendent evaluation made by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Seconded by: Alicia Bertrand
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0.
 - New Hires:
 - Behavior Interventionist – Jessica Brock
 - Comes from the FACE department as a Parent Educator.
 - Starts August 23rd
 - Speech Pathologist – Rebecca Brownwell

- Has been working with the ISD for the last 3 years at this school.
 - Agrees to work 32 hours a week, which is more than she was here through ISD.
 - Possible help to support the early childhood.
 - Motion to approve Jessica Brock as Behavior Interventionist and Rebecca Brownwell as Speech Pathologist made by: Vicki Dowd
 - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0.
- Affirmation of Consultation with Tribal Representatives for MDE
 - Presented by Melissa Ledford
 - Through the ESEA.
 - A requirement is that the we had to describe how we had meaningful conversation and consultation with local Tribal Entities.
 - We have constant communication with the tribe and tribal council.
 - Elaine Meshigaud is assigned as oversight of the school.
 - We believe that this is going to be required to submit each year.
 - This affirmation needs to be signed by each board member.
 - Motion to accept the Affirmation of Consultation with Tribal Representatives made by: Vicki Dowd
 - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0.
- Other
 - None
- Public Comment
 - None
- Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn meeting: Dustin Larson
 - Seconded by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Motion carried: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Recorded & prepared by: Lacey Kinnart

Approved on: 8-12-21



Signature

Board President

Board Secretary