

NAH TAH WAHSH, PSA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

Present: Jackie Kang, Connee Sagataw, Marilyn Shawano, Shianne Uskilith, Charles Wandahsega, Geneva Wandahsega

Absent: Molly Meshigaud (excused)

Guest(s): Tom Miller, Lacey Kinnart, Betty LaPointe, Vicki Dowd, Brenda Woelfel-Howard, Melissa Ledford, Lisa Bedard, Jesse Viau, Henry Williams, Wendy Ball, Renee Watchorn, Jamie Pirlot

Location: School Conference Room

Geneva Wandahsega, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
 - See handout.
 - Motion to approve agenda with additions of COVID-19 and Tribal Council Waiver for Truancy made by: Shianne Uskilith
 - Seconded by: Charles Wandahsega
 - Motion carried 5-0-0.
- **Meeting Minutes**
 - See handout for February 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes made by: Shianne Uskilith
 - Seconded by: Charles Wandahsega
 - Motion carried 4-0-1. Jackie Kang abstains.
- **Financials**
 - Would like to schedule a finance meeting as soon as the computers are back up and running at Admin Building, mainly the accounting department.
 - Computers have been down in the tribe since February 27th due to a malicious virus.
 - Once they can meet and school board approves, then it goes to Tribal Council for final approval.
- **Charter Re-Authorization Update**
 - All documents have been uploaded to website for the lawyers to review. Waiting to hear from them.
- **NMU Board Workshop**
 - The workshop is on hold as of right now. It will be up to NMU if they are able to have it.
- **Education Slot Board Position**
 - Previous person of interest (Jeremy Brunette) has not turned in any paperwork.
 - Sara Peterson, member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, is interested and working on paperwork.
 - Vicki Dowd mentioned contacting Rachel Meshigaud to see if she is interested.
- **Election of Officers process**
 - See email from KC Holder.
 - Geneva mentioned that she wants the younger board members to become officers instead of the people who have been on the board for a very long time.

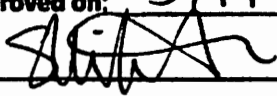
- **Teacher Compensation Scale**
 - Have reached a negotiation. Waiting on Tribal accounting/financials computers to get back up and running.
- **Early Intervention Plan**
 - Plan on how to handle the children birth to 5 years old.
 - Discuss next month.
- **Silverware Replacement**
 - Looking at a bio-degradable version, or a washable silverware.
 - Did price out some commercial grade washable silverware – about \$1 a piece.
 - Discussion about getting tops for the garbage cans that is magnetic so if the silverware gets thrown in, they get collected.
- **School Calendar**
 - Starting to work on now for the 20-21 School Year.
 - Looking at an August 31st start date (before Labor Day).
- **MHSAA Boys Basketball**
 - See article.
 - Tournaments have been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.
 - Would like to have a community gathering and feast to recognize the Boys Team on their success.
- **Organizational Chart**
 - Working on that – starting with the Admin Team and then it will be brought to the board.
 - Tom is looking at job descriptions and what is needed.
 - Question about Holly's job – Tom is looking into that too.
- **Music Teacher**
 - Very hard to find a music teacher.
 - Consider a partnership with Bark River and have our kids attend BRH's Band class.
 - Tom to talk to Jason Lockwood.
 - Tom to talk to Scott for him to do a survey of the students to see if they are interested in music/band.
 - Had discussion with Rebecca to do music in the youth center and or during summer program.
- **Playground Committee**
 - Need to schedule a second meeting.
 - It needs major renovation. Will be \$200k+ to re-do the whole thing.
 - The draining system needs to be all taken out and replaced.
- **Superintendent Search**
 - See handouts
 - Presented to the Board before the meeting by Mary Bryak.
- **School Security**
 - Finalizing it all up now.
- **Attendance Update**
 - See handout.
- **Round Dance**
 - Has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

- **New Business**
 - **COVID-19**
 - See new handout.
 - Final version from DSISD and announcing the letter at 4:10 p.m. on school Facebook page and school website.
 - Working with the DSISD on this as well as School Nurse and Principal.
 - Use our 4 sacred medicines – sage, sweetgrass, cedar and tobacco in this time of sickness.
 - Has helped us historically to live through diseases.
 - **Tribal Council Waiver for Truancy**
 - Tom emailed Rob Lemire.
 - HIS and NTW to request to waive our truancy process for right now.
 - Jesse Viau to bring it to the Judiciary Committee and they can bring it to Tribal Council.
 - Enforcement and prosecution discretion is advices.
 - Jesse to make a memo. Jesse and Tom to work on this together.
- **Public Comment**
 - Jesse Viau on behalf of the Hannahville Indian Community rejects the offer to buy the big storage building for \$1. That building was purchased with 2% money from the Tribe.
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion to adjourn meeting: Marilyn Shawano
 - Seconded by: Connee Sagataw
 - Motion carried 5-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

****NOTE:** later on in the evening of this same day, Thursday, March 12th, the Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, announced the closure of all K-12 Michigan schools for three weeks effective Monday, March 16th.

Recorded & prepared by: Lacey Kinnart

Approved on: 5/14/2020


Signature

Board President

Board Secretary