

NAH TAH WAHSH PSA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH , 2022

Present: Jackie Kang (Chairperson), Alicia Bertrand (Vice-Chairperson) – 3:01pm, Vicki Dowd, Dustin Larson, Molly Meshigaud

Absent: Marilyn Shawano - Absent/Excused, Geneva “Magg” Wandahsega

Guest(s): Connee Sagataw, Shianne Uskilith, Matt Johnson-Reeves, Betty LaPointe, Angela Wandahsega, Sandy Deneau, Kurt Tucker – via Zoom, Renee Watchorn

Location: School Conference Room

Jackie Kang, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
 - See handout.
 - Motion to approve agenda as presented made by: Vicki Dowd
 - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- **Presentation:**
 - 2020-21 Nah Tah Wahsh PSA Fiscal Audit – Apologies from Kurt in regards to the delay of the audit. This was due to staffing challenges and states he hopes the board will invite him back for August to resolve the upcoming audit.
 - School participates in MPSERS and those are a challenge to prepare financially, and most tribal entities do not do a pension plan, which creates much more complex financial disclosures. Renee and Robyn have been working with Kurt in putting the information together and putting that forward for the board.
 - Purpose of the auditor’s report is to report financial fairness. The opinion of the auditor is in accordance with the accounting firm, and lends his congratulations to Renee and Robyn. There were a total of two audit adjustments. Normal is somewhere between 0-12, so 2 is a very good number. Two entries had to do with tribal in-kind contributions.
 - Statement of Net Position is stated according to GASB accounting principles. Those standards require two financial statements and presentations. These include both fixed assets and long term debt. That purpose is to give a long term approach when looking at the financials.
 - Board member Vicki Dowd inquires about the negative dollar amount in the retirement category – per Kurt, auditor, those earnings are only a snapshot of a negative and will never change due to the inability to record an asset, long term. This negative amount does not offer an accurate depiction of the financial overview of the organization.

- Financial Highlights –
 - Statement of Net Position: Assets and deferred outflows of resources as of June 30, 2021 totaled \$2,909,280 comprised of \$1,198,180 in cash deposits, \$663,416 in receivables from the State of Michigan, Hannahville Indian Community & others and food service inventory of \$5,831, net capital assets of \$54,646 and deferred outflows of resources for pension obligations of \$987,202.
 - Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources totaled \$7,791,373 comprised of \$45,752 in accounts payable, \$362,037 in payroll related liabilities, and \$43,984 in compensated absences liabilities, net pension liability of \$5,174,469 and deferred inflows of resources for pension obligation of \$1,183,729.
 - Statement of Activities: Revenues were approximately \$3.04 M. Expenses were approximately \$3.31M. The result was an excess of expenses over revenues of \$270,562.00. Net Position decreased from \$(4.49)M to \$(4.88)M by the end of June 30, 2021 as a result of the excess of revenues over expenses.
- Balance sheet – includes general and food service fund: According to the equity of the school budget, disclosed fund balance is \$1,313,593. General fund Assets are disclosed as \$1,777,725. Food Service disclosed at \$298,192. Total funds available and are clearly in good condition - \$1,075,917.
- Statement of revenues – Total Governmental Funds – revenue disclosed: \$3,894,000. Total Expenditures as of June 30, 2021: \$104,481. Fund balance disclosed at \$1,313,593.
- Local support Revenue – Tribal/Casino: \$587,985, Various other local sources - \$98,939.
- Discussion regarding Covid 19 and how that has impacted the financial means of the school and maintaining our position of health at the school in regards to the children.
- Retirement plan looks to be in good shape. No financial issues are noted. At the recommendation of Kurt Tucker, Renee Watchorn states that we may hire another assistant to help out with MPSERS, which is complex and extremely time consuming.
- Budget actual – nothing out of the ordinary, the final part of the audit shows the findings and Kurt would like to report there is nothing material in non-compliance or financially in the audit for 2020 and 2021 and is a clean report. Applauding the business office and the board and Matt Johnson Reeves for keeping the ship afloat and in such a sound financial position.
- Questions – Board member Vicki Dowd would like to see Retirement fund in the black. According to Kurt, we could work it into the budget, but we don't have control over knowing exactly what we will receive this next year in awards. According to Kurt, there is no negative spending shown in the budget.
- Vicki Dowd questions how contract employment works with NTW staff. Discussion regarding benefits and negatives with at-will employment.

- **Action Items**

- Acceptance of 2020 Audit: Nah Tah Wahsh PSA – Fiscal Audit 2020-21 School year
 - Motion made to accept the 2020-21 school financial audit as presented by Kurt Tucker by: Dustin Larson
 - Seconded by: Vicki Dowd
 - Motion carried: 4-0-1 (Alicia Bertrand abstains due to late arrival)

- **Public Comment**

- Thank you to Robyn and Renee for doing a spectacular job for the school. Renee states she is very happy in her position at the school, for the past 28 years. Thank you to the board for all the support over the years.

- **Adjourn**

- 3:03pm by Jackie Kang, Chairperson

Recorded & prepared by: Angela Wandahsega, School Secretary

Approved on: 3-10-2022

Jackie Kang
Signature

Board President Board Secretary