

NAH TAH WAHSH PSA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2022

Present: Jackie Kang (Chairperson), Alicia Bertrand (Vice Chairperson) – 3:05pm, Victoria Dowd (Secretary/Treasurer), Dustin Larson, Molly Meshigaud, Marilyn Shawano, Geneva Wandahsega – Via Zoom (unable to vote-abstains)

Absent: None

Guest(s): Connee Sagataw, Shianne Uskiliith, Matt Johnson-Reeves, Seth Miller, Melissa Ledford, Angela Wandahsega, William Pistulka, Alissa Ingersoll, Renee Watchorn, Jesse Viau

Location: School Conference Room

Jackie Kang, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 3:01pm

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
 - See handout.
 - Motion to approve agenda with the addition of Earth Day made by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Seconded by: Victoria Dowd
 - Motion carried: 6-0-1 (Geneva Wandahsega abstains – Via Zoom)
- **Board Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve February 10th, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes as presented made by: Molly
 - Seconded by: Victoria Dowd
 - Motion carried: 4-0-3 (abstain/absent – Alicia Bertrand, Marilyn Shawano, Geneva Wandahsega)
 - Motion to approve February 10th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correct spelling of Shi Shi Be
Made by: Victoria Dowd
 - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Motion carried: 5-0-2 (abstain/absent – Marilyn Shawano, Geneva Wandahsega)
- **Superintendent Update: COVID19**
 - COVID Update: Since our February meeting, there have been 0 student Covid19 absences. It has been a good trend – back to school as usual.
 - Tribal Vaccination Incentive has been extended to September 1st, 2022. According to Jesse Viau, 70% of the community has been vaccinated. 40% of students have been vaccinated. CDC is more encouraging the anti-virals, not solely relying on the vaccine.
- **Old Business:**
 - None
- **New Business & Action Items**
 - Esser III Spending Plan – Matt and Renee have worked extensively on this plan. Working also in part with the tribe and completion of surveys to obtain staff input. Our school participates in a Test-to-Stay program with nurse Tammy. Esser III Funding will follow that program. School has hired additional staff to work in place, looking to update our text books to make them more on-line compatible. We have been able to hire several mental health providers to work with student. In order to provide better confidential communication and documentation between our mental health providers at school, we are working

towards putting special software into place using software (bhworks). Board member discussion regarding teen suicide and medication use. We look to continue adding opportunities like art and music, and other ways to express creativity in overcoming depression.

- Funding allocations will go through September 2024, utilizing nurse Tammy in purchasing services to serve NTW, in helping us with the Hannahville side of the school. This funding also takes some of the burden off of the general fund, focusing on Music and Art.
- Through ESSER III we are able to fund paraprofessionals to work with students, and full-time substitute while training in different styles of interventions and learning tools. We, at NTW, are able to invest in sustainable staff, where many other districts are not able to do that, long term.
 - Motion to support and accept the plan as presented made by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Seconded by: Alicia Bertrand
 - Motion carried: 6-0-1 (Geneva Wandahsega abstains – via Zoom)
- Budget Update & Revision – per Renee Watchorn, the main numbers necessary to adjust will be State Aid, which is more than expected. Grant Allocations – adjusted due to larger than expected grant allocations. Additional staffing has been made due to Art, Music, Speech, Soc Wkr – This will come up again the end of June. Thank you, Renee – you do a GREAT job!!
 - Motion to accept the adjustment amendment made by: Victoria Dowd
 - Seconded by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Motion carried: 6-0-1 (Geneva Wandahsega abstains – via Zoom)

- **Informational Items:**

- Round Dance: Friday, March 25, 2022 – the Round Dance will begin about 1pm – after lunch. Feast has been planned and put together by Tammy Murray, Kitchen Manager. Per Molly - Erik Halfaday, Ogeema Anziano, James Smith, and possibly one or more additional drummer or singer will be present for the Round Dance.
- Spring Break: March 28, 2022 – no school
- Prom: April 15, 2022, 7-10pm – will be held at the Casino, this event has been headed up by Mr. Houle.
- Earth Day – April 22nd – PTSA is putting together a t-shirt contest “Respect Mother Earth” per Melissa Ledford, the group would like to organize a community cleaning event, finalizing with a celebration – possibly Vicki Dowd would give a talk about mother earth. Per Matt – the group could utilize busses to help with transportation. Board would like to promote this event and incentivize the kids and community to participate. Per Jackie, the community has several large trailers – may be able to speak with Mike Schuster regarding trailers and Ben Wandahsega, Housing Director, to be sure the dumpsters are empty.
- Save the Date: NMU Board/Admin Retreat, Mount Pleasant, MI – 4/24 and 4/25/22 – we would like to get commitments this week – Per William Pistulka, the event will begin on Sunday (4pm-6pm) Hourdeurves, program will follow. Day 2 (Monday) breakfast and lunch will be provided. Per Bill – he expects this to be a very good event. He has urged board members to make their arrangements sooner than later due to prices and hotel room availability.
- NMU Charter School Office Update – Per William Pistulka, works with the Charter School Office – in for Betty LaPointe. Continuing to work with Seth and Matt in Finalizing the charter school contract. Alicia, Vicki and Geneva have paperwork that will need to be completed for NMU, regarding school board membership. This must be completed before 6/30/22. July 1 would begin the next term for the incoming newly elected membership – regarding Re-appointment. Lisa Ackland should have forwarded paperwork for NMU checklist to these board members. Bill will be sure to remind Lisa to get the proper paperwork

to Angela Wandahsega, School Secretary, to forward to the appropriate board members who seek re-appointment.

- **Other**
 - None
- **Public Comment**
 - Per Melissa Ledford, and idea has been presented regarding the blessing for the round dance feast. – to hear the blessing – the event coordinators and presenters will do Zoom for all the classrooms, that will benefit the entire school not able to be present.
- **Adjourn**
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 3:44 pm
 - Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:44pm by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Seconded by: Victoria Dowd
 - Motion carried: 6-0-1 (Geneva Wandahsega abstains – Via zoom)

Recorded & prepared by: Angela Wandahsega

Approved on: 04-07-2022

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Signature



Board President

Board Secretary