

NAH TAH WAHSH, PSA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2021

Present: Vicki Dowd, Dustin Larson, Molly Meshigaud, Geneva Wandahsega

Absent: Alicia Bertrand (Excused), Jackie Kang (Excused), Marilyn Shawano

Guest(s): Connee Sagataw, Shianne Uskilith, Matt Johnson-Reeves, Seth Miller, Betty LaPointe, Melissa Ledford, Angela Wandahsega, Heather Taylor, Spring Irving, Jesse Viau

Location: School Conference Room

Vicki Dowd, in for Chairperson, called meeting to order at 3:33pm

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
 - See handout.
 - Motion to approve agenda as presented made by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Seconded by: Dustin Larson
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- **Board Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve September 9th, 2021, meeting minutes, with the exception of Connee Sagataw marked as Present (an Alternate should be marked as Guest), made by: Dustin Larson
 - Seconded by: Geneva Wandahsega
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- **Superintendent Update: COVID19**
 - COVID Update:
 - See Handout –
 - October 13th meeting minutes showed hospitalization in the UP. Per PHDM, Delta County had 293 positive cases, PHDM, Menominee County had 159 positive cases. As of October 20th – Delta County was down to 121 positive cases. Per PHDM, Menominee County had 58 positive cases. Also noting ticking up in vaccination rates.
 - School campus update - Since August 25th, 12 positive student cases – last positive case for students was 10-1-21. 6 positive adult cases (at least 3 cases were fully vaccinated individuals.) Attendance at school has returned to normal.
- **Old Business:**
 - None
- **New Business & Action Items**
 - Approval: ESSER II Fund Spending Plan
 - This budget has been submitted to the State of Michigan – we were awarded \$344,417. These funds are to be used in assisting in the financing of the school’s Music Instructor and instruments including trumpets and trombones, Pupils Support Services, Full Time Behavior Interventionist, and in providing other needed mental health services.

- Holiday Program – Mr Hellberg, Music Instructor, will not be providing a program this year, because the music program is only months old and he feels the students will not be sufficiently prepared. Melissa Ledford has stated she will be reaching out to the community’s culture department as she has several events planned in the near future.
- Motion to approve the ESSER Fund Budget as presented made by: Molly Meshigaud
- Seconded by: Geneva Wandahsega
- Motion Carried: 4-0-0
- Approval: “Grow your own” Staff development and Tuition Reimbursement Plan
 - See handout – Looking to enhance our ability to help support our employees looking to advance their professional learning. Language is familiar to what is in place at HPD. Our Community Attorney, Jesse Viau, has assisted in drafting the plan along with the Mia Smith, of the Visions department. Discussion regarding if there should be stipulation on more of a long-term employee. According to the proposed CDA (Career Development Agreement) – If the employee voluntarily terminates employment, or is terminated from employment, with exception noted in CDA the employee will refund the entire amount of the educational expenses provided. Repayment plan has, also, been established and noted in CDA, if an employee voluntarily leaves employment with the academy within 7 years of receiving payments, the employee shall immediately provide a repayment due and owing to the academy. This repayment plan is outlined, in its entirety, in the CDA.
 - Motion to approve Staff Development and Tuition Reimbursement Plan as presented made by: Molly Meshigaud
 - Seconded by: Dustin Larson
- Motion Carried: 4-0-0
- Save the Date:
 - NMU Board/Admin Retreat, Mount Pleasant, MI – April 24-25th, 2022 – Initial plans Sunday and Monday. Per Betty LaPointe, Nah Tah Wahsh PSA usually has an excellent turn out. Because there are several schools down state, it’s normally been held in that area. Betty LaPoint brought out the idea that we might champion the cause to have the Retreat to be held at Island Resort Casino. Vicki Dowd also brought up the possibility of opening the event in Traditional Prayer.
 - Per Betty - there are training pods available – which will, in turn, pay those board trainees.
- Other
 - None
- Public Comment
 - Nah Tah Wahsh Employees are waiting for their vaccination incentive payments. These payments are being processed by Renee Watchhorn. Due to a backlog – payment is taking longer than anticipated.
- Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn meeting: Geneva Wandahsega
 - Seconded by: Dustin Larson
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

Recorded & prepared by: Angela Wandahsega

Approved on: 11-11-2021

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Signature

A Board President

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