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**SDIS Regular Governing Council Meeting**

April 1, 2024

Hybrid: Zoom & SDIS Commons

5:30 PM

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| **MISSION STATEMENT**  *The Six Directions Indigenous School, through a commitment to culturally relevant Indigenous education and interdisciplinary project-based learning, will develop critically conscious students who are engaged in their communities, demonstrate holistic well-being, and have a personal plan for succeeding in post-secondary opportunities.* |
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I. Call to Order - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson called meeting to order @5:42 P.M.

II. Roll Call - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson

1. Karen Malone, Wilhelminia Yazzie, Zowie Banteah, and Chair Dr. Henderson
2. b) Others Present: Aaron Savoia, School Business Manager; Renee Cleveland, SDIS Program Specialist; Becca Niiha, Head Administrator; Megan Wedderburn, TrustedED Consultant, Dr. Geneva Becenti, NISN-Dir. of Dine’ Language Mentor & Apprentice Program, Jeremiah and Monica Benally, Indigenous Educator Corps members, Zachary Lamy, Student; and parents – Dion and Natalie Selecion; Parent – Margaret Wytsalucy; Carrie Nastacio, Zuni Language Teacher; guest – Franceline Duncan

III. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of agenda as presented Karen Malone made a motion to approve the agenda for April 01, 2024; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion of the approval of agenda.
2. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of minutes Karen Malone made a motion to approve the agenda from last March 18, 2024 Special Meeting; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion of the approval of agenda.
2. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

V. Public Comment – none at this time

VI. Presentations

1. NISN Partnership with SDIS for Dine’ Language - Dr. Geneva Becenti
   1. Oral and Written Navajo Language test
   2. Increase 520 instructors for the Dine’ Language
   3. Procedures for reimbursement
   4. Review of MOA established in October 2023
   5. Next item suggested – Zuni Language teachers to be included in RFA
2. SDIS Data - Rebecca Niiha
   1. Growth from EOY 2023 to BOY 2023 to MOY 2024
   2. Comments from Chair Dr. Henderson’s comments: change in school culture, staff, and curriculum aligned to our mission support this growth

VII. Information Reports

1. TrustEducation – Megan Wedderburn
   1. Essential Questions
   2. Mission Statement as the WHAT
   3. Mission Statement as the HOW
   4. SDIS Vision Pathways-educators, students, staff, and families
   5. SDIS Barriers
2. Head Administrator’s Report
   1. Updates on testing schedules, calendar for new. Year, etc.
3. School Budget Report – Aaron Savoia
   1. Summary Report shared – Revenues Report
   2. Expenditures Report
   3. Purchase Orders Report
   4. Bank Registry Report

VIII. Discussion and Action Items

1. School Finance Approval Items
   1. Budget Adjustment Reports
      1. FY 2024 – Bar 0030-D, decrease bar from operational
      2. 0031-I, increase bar to adjust negative amount in operation
      3. 0032-I, increase bar for school fundraising cash carryover
      4. 0033-D, decrease bar from general supplies and materials
      5. Wilhelmina Yazzie made a motion to accept BAR 0030-D, 0031-I, 0032-I, and 0033-D; Karen Malone second the motion
      6. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
   2. Contractual Agreements
      1. PowerSchool
         1. Wilhelmina Yazzie made a motion to approve the contract for PowerSchool as presented (other quotes were presented as well); Karen Malone second the motion
         2. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
      2. Newsela
   3. Grant Applications
      1. BMEP(Bilingual Multicultural Education Program)
         1. Annual reports submitted
         2. Application is due April 02, 2024
         3. Current amount received FY24 for $28,599.00.
         4. Wilhelmina Yazzie made a motion to approve the Bilingual Multicultural Education Program application; Karen Malone second the motion
         5. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
   4. Grants to expire
      1. Some Grants do not carryover and Board advisement sought on what projects can be used with these funds (Title I, IDEA-B, Title II, RLS, IEA)
      2. Most grants are renewed each year
      3. Karen Malone made a motion to acknowledge to support the spending plan addressed for the expiring fund; No one to second the motion; table the discussion per request GC members of spending plan and what funds will cover (Karen Malone rescind her motion to ask a clarifying question) – were the funds already identified and should we be voting on it.
      4. GC Chair – this item should have been under information and we do not need to vote on it; no action is needed
      5. Clarification by Mr. Savoia for expenditures
2. Policy Work Session
   1. Scheduling and approval for Board Retreat
      1. GC Chair shared reasoning for this Board Retreat to meet with school attorney to go over school policies
      2. Possible date scheduled for May 4, 2024
3. Head Administrator Evaluation
   1. Copy of evaluation template will be shared by Chair
4. Proposed Calendars 2024/25 School Year
   1. Calendar presented by Zachary Lamy and Head Administrator
   2. Paying close to NMPED requirements; holidays; and early release days considered
   3. Informational item – present final at next board meeting

IX. Discussion and Action Items: (Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) and (H)(8) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

* Candidates for Instruction
* SDIS Staff
* Board will meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.
* Wilhelmina Yazzie made a motion to go into Executive Session; Karen Malone second the motion
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

X. Approval of Contracts

* Motion to come out of closed session by Wilhelmina Yazzie; Second by Karen Malone
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
* Candidates for NISN applicants
  + Approval of contracts for LY, PC and CJ for the NISN Navajo Language program
* Motion to approve the contracts for all 3 candidates for LY, PC, and CJ by Wilhelmina Yazzie; second by Karen Malone
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained)

XI. Student Discipline Hearings

* Board honors the decision made and the expulsions will remain

XII. Next Scheduled Board Meeting, **April 30, 2024**

XIII. Adjournment at 8:05 P.M.