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**SDIS Regular Governing Council Meeting**

May 28, 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.* |

 I. Call to Order - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson called meeting to order @5:36 P.M.

 II. Roll Call - Dr. Henderson, Chairperson

1. Karen Malone, Wilhelminia Yazzie, Zowie Banteah, Georgianna Desiderio, and Chair Dr. Henderson

b) Others Present: Aaron Savoia, School Business Manager; Renee Cleveland, SDIS Program Specialist; Becca Niiha; Jennifer Russell, potential board member; Patsy Chatto, Language and Culture Apprentice; Lloyd Yazzie, Language and Culture Apprentice

III. Approval of Agenda

1. Karen Malone made an amendment to make a motion to make an addendum to the agenda for May 28, 2024; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion of the approval of agenda with the addendum. It is to include the 2024-25 Operational School Budget action item under Section IX, Letter C. Another addendum motion was made by Chair Dr. Henderson to change item VII to item XII. Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion of the approval of the addendum and approve today’s agenda.
2. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of minutes Karen Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from April 30, 2024 Meeting; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion of the approval of agenda.
2. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

V. Public Comment – Oliver Tapaha (former board member) wanted to acknowledge new Governing Council Members; acknowledge SDIS Head Administrator

VI. Introduction of Possible Board Members

a) Jennifer Russell - introduction

*VII. Awards and Recognition of Staff and Partners (addendum to move to XII)*

VIII. Information Reports

1. Head Administrator’s Report
	1. Grants – Indian Education Division passed the first approval
	2. Title I Application was submitted
	3. Title II Application is being started – deadline June 28
	4. Data – Data Coordinator not supporting SDIS and PED is currently offering support; data was affected
	5. Growth from BOY data to EOY data
	6. Personnel – NMPED Teacher Evaluation was completed for all license staff
	7. Upcoming trainings notes
	8. Summer programing
2. School Budget Report – Aaron Savoia
	1. Summary Reports for April shared
		1. Expenditures Report
		2. Purchase Orders Report
		3. Bank Reconciliation Report
		4. Chair GC Dr. Henderson had questions and made comments about clarification as information to be conscientious of federal funds and spending

IX. Discussion and Action Items

1. School Finance Approval Items
	1. Approval of Budget Adjustment Reports
		1. Increase Bar 0038-I and Transfer Bar 0039-T
		2. Karen Malone made a motion to approve the Increase Bar 0038-I and Transfer Bar 0039-T; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion
		3. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
	2. Approval for the Head Administrator and the Business Manager to enter and submit any final Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs) on behalf of the school to maintain budgetary compliance for audit and other regulatory purposes. This is done knowing that the BARs will not impact actual cash but only address budgets. In addition, any BARs submitted as allowed under this approval will be brought before the GC at the next meeting with review and detailed explanation.
		1. GC Members had concerns on request
		2. Wilhelmina Yazzie denies the motion to approve the Head Administrator and the Business Manager to enter and submit any final Budget Adjustment Requests and to hold a Special Session instead; Karen Malone second the motion
		3. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
	3. *Operational school budget for SY 24/25 (addendum added)*
		1. 340,000 carry-overs
		2. Preliminary projected amounts shared
		3. All staff have been budgeted
		4. Instructional material per PED $11,129
		5. Karen Malone made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Operational Budget for Six Directions; Wilhelmina Yazzie second that motion
		6. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
2. Approval of updated 2024/25 Personnel Policies and Procedures
	1. Karen Malone made a motion to table this discussion till the next meeting; Georgianna Desiderio second the motion
	2. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
3. Approval of 2024/25 School Year Calendar
	1. Karen Malone made a motion to approve 2024/25 School Calendar; Wilhelmina Yazzie second the motion
	2. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
4. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding
	1. NISN Dine Language and Culture Mentor/Apprenticeship
		1. SDIS having issues with payroll and trying to hire new EAs has been limiting and the MOU is misaligned. SDIS would be able to function and grow the program out of SDIS and not go through NISN
		2. Mr. Chico would be able to mentor their own Language and Culture teachers and would be able to hire Language Apprenticeship
		3. GC Members asked clarifying questions
		4. Karen Malone made a motion to not renew the MOU with NISN; Wilhelmina Yazzie seconds the motion
		5. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Wilhelmina Yazzie-yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (5 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).

X. 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.

* The recent termination of the administrative assistant position
* Candidates for administration
* Georgianna Desiderio made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Karen Malone second the motion
* Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes; Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (4-yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
* GC Chair Dr. Henderson stated we are out of Executive Session and no action was taken

XI. Approval of Candidates

1. Franceline Duncan
2. Karen Malone made a motion to approve to hire Franceline Duncan; Georgianna Desiderio second the motion
	1. Roll call vote: Karen Malone – yes, Zowie Banteah-yes, Georgianna Desiderio; Dr. Henderson – yes (4 yes, 0 opposed and 0 abstained).
	2. Dr. Henderson stated that this concludes our Action Items

XII. Awards and Recognition of Staff and Partners

XIII. Next Scheduled Board Meeting, **June 25, 2024**

XIII. Adjourn at 7:28 P.M.