



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Cory Spotted Bear called the meeting to order at 11:14AM.

PRAYER:

Prayer by: B.J. Rainbow.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Frank Grady, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear. *Quorum established.*

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. *Vote:* 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **March 28th, 2017 Education Committee minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman moved to approve the listed minutes subject to corrections. Councilman Frank Grady seconded the motion. *Vote:* 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

III. PROGRAM REPORTS:

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A. Head Start Program - Kelly Bradfield

Wade Howard provided an update. 163 children currently enrolled. 80 children ready are to transition. It is the "Week of the Young Child", this is where we showcase our Head Start activities throughout the communities. Tomorrow is "Science Day" at the college in New Town that gives our young children an introduction to science. A couple weeks ago head start took the kids to the circus; Councilman Cory Spotted Bear informed the Committee that construction to the playground in Twin Buttes is under way. Kelly Bradfield will be back on Monday. Councilwoman Monica Mayer recommended a budget meeting and to have the Director bring in budgetary needs into the Tribal Business Council.

B. All MHA Language Departments

*Item Deferred*⁵

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C. Higher Education Program - Martha Hunter

Provided a report of enrolled students and their degrees attending college. We are working on the design of our workbooks. It was noted that there are \$240,000 left of Tribal funds for the year. We would like to put into the budget to get the graduating



students a monetary gift. Meetings conducted with the CEO concerning the Helen Gough Foundation planning meeting.

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D. 477 Program – Jerome Dancing Bull

Provided a written/verbal report from Jan 1st on; Provided numbers of students in College, GED, and Truck Driving. JOM program helps students with meal tickets, instruments for school, Child Care. Child care providers, but can't give the names of the children under them. Concern expressed over the lack of participation in Twin Buttes & Mandaree. The 477 Program offers Support Services, College, GED Child Care & JOM. The program did not receive a tribal supplement at the last budget meeting. Jerome said most of that is childcare. Jerome said we already went thru our carryover. We already went thru our Summer Youth. Last year we got \$100,000 for Tribal Supplement and \$50,000 from each segment, North Segment gave \$75,000 for the Summer Youth Program. Councilwoman Monica Mayer noted that North Segment has developed Summer Youth Activities department. She noted that the students head count from this program could help with the federal funding. Councilwoman Monica Mayer requested a 1 page proposal, with the help of Janet Thomas and Al Nygard. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked if Mr. Dancing Bull to bring in a pamphlet from the 477 Program next meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve a resolution to develop a Summer Youth Program with support of \$350,000. Councilman Frank Grady seconded the motion.

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E. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College - Vice President Waylon Baker, Betty Lockwood, GED, Bernadine Young Bird.

About 30 students participating in the May 12th Commencement at Northern Lights Building, May 23rd summer school starts. Bernadine Young Bird presented concerns over support and budget appropriation from a 2015 resolution supporting MHA languages. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear asked if this resolution can be updated and brought back. Provided the Committee with the Language Board plan and recommendations.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to update the 2015 language emergency resolution and to establish the board, and forward onto May 10-11 Tribal Business Council meeting. Councilman Frank Grady seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

Discussion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer offered office space for the program. Bernadine Young Bird to work with Al Nygard on the budget. Language classes July 10-28 we will have a 3 week session this year at the college 9-10 classes offered. Other activities include garden projects and pottery. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear



expressed interest for the activities to come to Twin Buttes for a pottery and gardening session that will come out of Twin Buttes Segment funds.

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F. GED Department – Betty Lockwood, Director

The State re-appropriated the budget for the fall of June 30th. The state and we were cut along with Spirit Lake and Minot. \$40-55 thousand budgeted before for staff and to buy materials. Councilwoman Monica Mayer expressed concern over the high drop-out rate. NHS College received Title III funding that was eventually cut. Dr. Waylon Baker will work with Betty Lockwood and AL Nygard for a supplementary Tribal budget.

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G. MHA Education Pipeline – Deb Wilson & Tracy Baker

Deb Wilson brought along some Mentors and Director. We are short one mentor, and we are advertising the position. The mentors are going into high schools and colleges to provide information on College Financial Assistance. Discussed problems with the tribal contract. Attended various College Fairs in New Town and Mandaree with a good turnout. Mentors have schedules for presentations for the area, and will do follow ups. Councilwoman Monica Mayer recommended that the tribal Education Director provide the presenter with student lists. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like to sponsor a dinner for the Grand Forks students.

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H. MHA Education Department – Collette Berg, Director

Strategic Planning and Organizational Chart discussed and collecting and providing data through reports flowing up through a central source.

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I. Elementary/High School Programs

1) New Town – Marc Bluestone, Superintendent

We are working on *end of the year* programming. May 25th last day of school. May 28th graduation. Working on teacher contract negotiations. Building an addition for the expansion to locker room. Working on a wall for student honors for the year. Senior class trip may 29th. A school calendar is attached to hand out for next year dates. Helen Gough scholarship activities planning. Work continues on the ESSA (Every Student Succeed Act) report. 923 kids in grades K-12. Marc Bluestone offered the use of the trailer again for the Head Start. Councilwoman Monica Mayer expressed her commitment to summer youth activities and invited teachers to seek summer employment with them.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to have a Helen Gough Day. Councilman Frank Grady seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

2) Twin Buttes – Sandy Starr



*Item Deferred*³

- 3) **White Shield – Wayne Fox**
*Item Deferred*²

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- 4) **Mandaree – Carolyn Bluestone, Superintendent**

Carolyn Bluestone introduced Ann Longie the new upcoming Superintendent for Mandaree. Upcoming events include; May 23rd Graduation, May 12th Academic Awards, May 5th Retirement Recognition. 2017-18 school year calendars are complete. What is the best thing ESSA brings, Carolyn says “No Child Left Behind” the testing, and ESSA will evolve overtime. I see it as a positive thing, as we are learning the process of the whole thing. Ann would like a contact list of schools/departments around the New Town area, Councilman Cory Spotted Bear said his staff will put one together and get it to her at the next Education Committee meeting.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve ESSA Plan Tribal Consultation. Councilman Frank Grady seconded the motion.

Amended Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve Tribal consultation go thru EDU committee, and ESSA Consultation forwarded to May 10-11 Tribal Business Council meeting. Superintendent will consult at the Education Committee level. Council Frank Grady seconded the motion: Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

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- 5) **Parshall – Beth Schwarz, Superintendent**

Presented a report. 10 year Maintenance plan showing building cost of \$6.5 million to maintain the current building. Parshall Schools submitted a request for the construction of new High School & Elementary for \$36 million. The Parshall Schools are at about 70% Native American. Actively working on bringing MHA culture to the student activities. Beth Schwarz to work with Councilman Mervin Packineau and before any decision is made by Committee or the Council. ESSA proficiency continues and appears they are going to meet their growth goals. 21 graduating students.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Education Assistance – Corey Kerzman**
Item deferred already addressed.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Councilman Frank Grady moved adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:09PM



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council 's Education Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Education Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Education Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 27th day of April, 2017; that the foregoing Minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 3 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 Members not voting.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2017.

ATTEST:

Education Committee Chairman,
Councilman Cory Spotted Bear
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes