



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Cory Spotted Bear called the meeting to order at 11:15AM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Fred Fox, and Councilman Cory Spotted Bear. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilwoman Monica moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **December 5th, 2017 Education Committee minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to approve December 5th, 2017 minutes subject to corrections. Councilman Fred Fox seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. MHA Education Department – Collette Berg, Director

Team Education meetings continue on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Applying- for the Native American Language Preservation & Maintenance (ANA) & the Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment & Development (I-LEAD) Grants which are due in March. Attended Planning & Managing Construction Projects in preparation for our MHA Education Service Center Project. Attended the National Tribal Trauma Summit. Planning a youth leadership trip to Washington, DC in collaboration with the Casey Family Programs to visit the Center for Native American Youth and learn about their Champions for Change program. Lauren Good Day, Language and Culture Advisor, has been offering Ribbon. Truancy Report; Mandaree; Attendance rate: 87.87%, Home Schooled children: 4, Students with IEPs: 23, 7 court referrals, New Town; Attendance rate: TBD, Total Home Schooled: 5, Students with IEPs: 85, Parshall; Total of students with an IEP: 29, Twin Buttes; Attendance rate: 92.42%, Home schooled: 1, IEP: 5, White Shield; Attendance rate: 90.48%, Students on an IEP: 38, Skirt making in all the communities.

1) MHA Education Advocate – Dr. Ruth Swaney

Participated in HR Policies and Procedures training, MHA Nation Tribal Youth Leadership Council, National Tribal Trauma Summit and the New Town Middle School Health & Wellness Fair. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear states the advocacy position was started 2 years ago. CEO requested data for retention. Councilwoman Monica Mayer requested to have the CEO explain the numbers from the federal funding and 0171 tribal general fund- 1110 BIA funding. Over a



million on the general fund and just over a million on the Federal side. The 9 employees were funded under the Tribal general fund.

2) MHA Education Pipeline – Deb Wilson

Presented the Estimated Potential Savings Report (7/1-9/30/2017). Total potential savings listed in the report was \$915,474. UTTC has the highest enrollment of TAT members. Not all students get higher Ed to have an accurate number of MHA students in Colleges in ND. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked Martha Baker to determine the number of MHA students in the State of ND and to share the information with Collette Berg and other education programs. UND provides a list of identified Tribal Students, all tribal not just MHA. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear asked the CEO if there was a turnover of Education grant from Chairman's office. Council will cover this next TBC, amounts of funding of this grant.

3) Education Trust Fund – Councilman Cory Spotted Bear
Item deferred.

B. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College – Twyla Baker–Demaray, President

Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$4,395,599.25. Expensed to Date this Fiscal Year: \$2,497,451 (Update as of last Finance Committee Mtg. 12/17). Spring enrollment underway- On-site registration Jan. 2-5. Spring AIHEC National Tournament- February 28- March 4th 2018. National Student AIHEC- Bismarck, ND; March 11-14. HLC Accreditation letter secured- Accreditation is affirmed for 4 years, Standard Pathway with an Interim Report due 12/2019. Dual Credit is reinstated at White Shield school - currently enrolled 5 DC students at WSHS. Dena Dorval will receive her Master's in Nursing- first step towards revitalization of Nursing at NHSC. Councilman Cory Spotted Bear would like a summary of last semester next Education Committee meeting. Dual credit has been reinstated with the high school students. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like Twyla Baker–Demaray to reach out to Tribal members who have their Masters in Nursing to notify any participation in the nursing program at NHSC.

1) GED Department – Betty Lockwood, Director

Sierra Spotted Bear, GED Coordinator provided the update. There were 56 total enrolled GED students for the month of November. 55 out of 56 are American Indian. 53 are enrolled MHA tribal members. 15 students took GED Ready Practice tests this month. 14 students had most likely to pass to passing scores on a particular subject. 15 students passed an official GED exam on a particular subject. NHSC GED Scholarship count came to seven with 477 GED Scholarships reaching nine. Councilwoman Monica Mayer is surprised Parshall doesn't have any GED students. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would like GED Program to obtain the date/numbers and share with Collette Berg, Ed Dept. from the past 5 years.



C. Higher Education Program – Martha Hunter, Director

Martha gave update. 139 continuing students currently and will add around 40 more by next month. Next meeting Martha will bring in more complete data.

Councilwoman Monica Mayer makes a recommendation for the Chairman's Education grant to be moved under the Higher Ed program with Martha at the next TBC. 2 more positions would open up under the Higher Ed program. Councilwoman Monica Mayer requested CEO and Martha work together on this and bring to the next TBC. Last month Martha request to have CEO work on getting employee leave paid out, haven't heard anything back. CEO states this effects the TAT employees across the board. Use or lose or buy out is what Councilwoman Monica Mayer states. Some good workers are punished when they can't take leave for work, such as nurses and they can't get their leave paid out. CEO will bring in the information on this at the next TBC meeting, it will require TBC action. Next meeting bring back Helen Gough committee, to have an honoring in the near future.

D. All MHA Language Departments

1) Hidatsa:

Item deferred.

2) Arikara:

Lauren Good Day will get updates and Budget to the Committee members via email. Councilwoman Monica Mayer brought up the Language Conservancy proposal, which was never approved. Committee asked if the (3.1 million) money would go into the language departments. CEO mentioned we will have to go over the budget and have the Council decide what they will do with the money. CEO states the Language Department did submit a budget but need more clarification on the budget before bringing forth. Councilwoman Monica Mayer feels there should be a million that goes into the Language Program. Lauren would like to see the data of all the language is under one place where anyone can visit and utilize. Collette asked Lauren to mention if they will be moved under the Energy Building. CEO is working on it.

3) Mandan:

Item deferred.

E. 477 Program – Jerome Dancing Bull¹, Director

Item deferred.

F. Head Start Program – Kelly Bradfield, Director

In the past month our Head Start program has had many activities. On December 14, 2017 we hosted our annual Christmas Program. Our students received very nice gifts donated by Whiting Oil, Slawson Energy, Missouri River Resources. It was well attended by the community member, we would also like to thank Chairman Fox for



granting administrative leave for our children's families to attend. Head Start staff also attending training on-site with Anne Carlson School of Learning, for hands on projects that they can use with our children in the classrooms. All Staff participated in this make and take opportunity. There is currently 10 teaching staff enrolled with Minot State University Early Childhood Degree program, Minot State teaching staff will be holding classes at our main center starting January 12, 2018. This will be the first cohort that we will have with Minot State for the achievement of the Bachelors of Arts in Early Childhood. The completion of this cohort will be August of 2019. Seeking an increase in their tribal budget to cover the staff classes. I have been working on a tuition payback - time worked agreement to make sure that when staff receive their degrees that they do stay with our Head Start program for a length of time to repay the tuition assistance given. The amount requested for increase is \$65,000.00, this will cover the cost of tuition and books that is not covered by students' grants and /or any other financial aid that they are required to apply for before the program pays. Family market conference coming up, asked if any council or programs would sponsor five breakfasts. Councilman Fred Fox would like to assist with funding to pick up and pay for the children on a waiting list. Parent Policy is up and rolling with new members for the year. They are scheduled to meet the third Tuesday of every month, next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2018.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moves to send the approval of the \$65,000 to the next Tribal Business Council meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion.

Discussion: CEO said they need to have a process appeal and turn it in. Councilwoman Monica Mayer would rather just have a PO processed for \$65,000 from the tribal side.

Motion Rescinded.

G. Elementary/High School Programs

1) New Town School District - Marc Bluestone, Superintendent

Dan Anderson Assistant Superintendent gave update. Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$ 16,355,894.00 with 29% of the budget expended (January 4, 2018). Student Population (K-12): 979 students (858 or 88% American Indian students). Ethnic Diversity of NTPSD#1; 53 Non-Indian (64%), 15 American Indian (18%), 15 Other Minority (18%). Administrative Staff (9); 5 Non-Indian (56%), 4 American Indian (44%). Goals/Tasks Accomplished this Reporting Period; Hiring Staff (Building Trades Teacher-Start Date Jan. 3rd; 2 Para-educators), ELES Science Fair (Dec. 15th) & NTMS Science Fair (Dec. 14th) Held, Sunset Motel Demolition Project Completed, Construction Project (Locker Room Addition to High School Gym; Anticipated Completion Date: May 10, 2018) Continued. Three Affiliated Tribes Donation to the New Town Public School District #1 2016-2017 School Year Report. Purchased Items included Science



Curriculum Guides, Second Step Curriculum Guides, and Odysseyware Credit Recovery Software License. AdvancED District Goals, Accomplished District goals.

- 2) **Twin Buttes School - Sandy Starr³ - Principle**
Item deferred.
- 3) **White Shield School District - Wayne Fox, Superintendent**
Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$5,256,526.78 with 2,461,981.23 expensed to date. Student count: Elementary: 94, High School: 50, Total: 144. Attendance: Elementary: 92%, High School: 50 Total: 144, High School: 89% Total: 90.05%. Completed our monthly meeting with School Improvement network to implement our work with the school Improvement and professional Development on Intentional Teaching and Planning. Position Needed 4th Grade Teacher/Gym Teacher. Continuing to work with external evaluators. Use feedback to implement our Professional Development Plan for 2017-18 & to continue to develop and revise curriculum maps for each grade/subject level.
- 4) **Mandaree School District – Ann Longie¹, Superintendent**
Item deferred.
- 5) **Parshall School District - Beth Schwarz, Superintendent**
Beth gave update and handout. Dec 31 spent about 45% currently for the fiscal year (made a mistake on hand out). The percent of students in the Parshall School District scoring at or above the 50th percentile or reaching their fall to spring growth target on the Spring, 2018 NWEA MAPs reading assessment will increase from 67% in Spring, 2017 to 75% in Spring, 2018. . Data Team has been set up at Parshall Elementary. The percent of students in the Parshall School District scoring at or above the 50th percentile or reaching their fall to spring growth target on the Spring, 2018 NWEA MAPs math assessment will increase from 55% in Spring, 2017 to 65% in Spring, 2018. Fall MAPs tests were completed in October. Peer Engagement Observations starting soon. Average Daily Attendance (Through 1/2/201 8) is at 90%.
A request will be brought in for a virtually reality next meeting. \$7,000 total. Councilman Fred Fox asked how many on the school board are Native American, 2 out of 7 school board members are native. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked about there being no GED students in Parshall & the Superintendent noted that there are some that are going to Job Corp.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Wendi Wells**

Wendy is asking the committee to take accounts from federal loans into tribal loans which will change the interest rate. She is currently in grace period, when she finishes



FTR: Councilman Frank Grady joined meeting.

school this will go into effect. Request is for supplementation for grants, unmet needs into loan status. Asking for this to go to a loan program. Amount requesting (second from last page in bold). Wendi currently has no debt with tribe.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward to the next Tribal Business Council meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-1-0. Councilman Frank Grady abstained.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:14PM.





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 1st day of March, 2018; that the foregoing Minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 0 members; 3 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 Members not voting.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2018.

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