



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilman Cory Spotted Bear called the meeting to order at 10:28 AM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilman Randy Phelan Councilman Cory Spotted Bear. *Quorum established.*

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **January 4th, 2018 Education Committee minutes.**

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to approve January 4th, 2017 minutes subject to corrections. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Elementary/High School Programs

1) New Town Schools - Marc Bluestone, Superintendent

Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$ 16,447,771.00 (\$ 6,696,258.21 or 41% of the budget expended). Student Population (K-12): 987 students (872 or 88% American Indian students). Ethnic Diversity of NTPSD#: Teaching Staff (83): 53 Non-Indian (64%), 15 American Indian (28%), 15 Other Minority (28%).

Administrative Staff (9): 5 Non-Indian (56%), 4 American Indian (44%). Winter Sports Seasons Completed (Wrestling: Bronson Flynn 3rd Place @ 220 pounds @ ND State Class B State Tournament; Girls Basketball: 3rd Place Region 7 Tournament). Vonica LaPlante, 12th Grade, Yale Young Native Storytellers Festival Contest Winner (May 5, 2018). Pennies for Patients Campaign Fundraiser (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) Month of February (Raised over \$6,800). 2018-2019 School Calendar Approved by the School Board.

Councilwoman Monica Mayer spoke about shootings in schools and the need to come up with a prevention plan. New Town Schools have been having lock down drills. At the end of the packet there is a flyer, would like to post this up around the community. Mrs. Kelly Jewell, Senior Class Advisor presented a request on behalf of the New Town Senior Class of 2018 who have been working diligently all year to save for an exciting, yet educational trip to Washington D.C. and New York City for their senior trip after graduation. As of today, 29 students and chaperones will be attending the trip. Our class has generated \$38,159.56 so far this year with 35 different fundraisers and events. Each student that is attending



also contributed \$300 of their own money and have had to volunteer 30 hours to be eligible for the trip. \$24,993.44 request.

Motion: Councilwoman Monica Mayer moved to forward request to next Tribal Council Meeting. Councilman Randy Phelan seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.

2) **Twin Buttes Schools - Sandy Starr**

Item deferred. Sandy emailed Councilman Cory Spotted Bear her report.

3) **White Shield Schools - Wayne Fox, Superintendent**

Item deferred.

4) **Mandaree Schools – Ann Longie, Superintendent**

Donavon Abbey provided the monthly report. Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$5,894,868.82 (\$3,447,069.09 with 58% of the budget expended). AdvancEd Engagement Accreditation Review: January 2018 - Went well, Great job #TeamMandaree. Continued efforts on Suicide Prevention in Collaboration with TAT Social Services, ND Sources of Strength, and Jona Peltier of Seven Stone Services. Ongoing efforts to recruit & retain staff: Almost fully staffed: gained 5 staff members during Christmas Vacation. Goals/Tasks Accomplished this Reporting Period: 1. Mandaree School hosted 2017-18 Girls District Basketball Tournament at 4 Bears Event Center. Girls placed 2nd in district tournament as well as Boys placing 2nd in district, both teams received the Spirit Award! Great job #TeamMandaree 2. Mandaree School has increased safety measures greatly. Cameras have been installed in all K-12 classrooms. 3. Mandaree School has entered into an MOU with McKenzie County Police Department. In the event of an active shooter, the PD will be able to log into camera system to track shooter. 4. Active Shooter Training (ALICE) Scheduled for March 2018. 5. Data meetings on student achievement ongoing. Info Requested by TAT Education Committee: Number of Students Enrolled K-12: 220 Students, Number of Native Students: 200, Number of TAT Enrolled Members: 171, Number of Native Teachers: 9 Teachers & 1 Para-professional, Number of Students with IEP's: 6 H.S. & 17 Elem. Ed. Students=23 students, K-12 Principal: Dr. Alfred Taylor, Next School Board Meeting: March 14, 2018 (2nd Wednesday of each month). Title 1 Director, Perry presented with Donavon. Councilman Randy Phelan is working with the Superintendent on getting the new school started K-12.

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

Current Fiscal Year Budget (Revised): \$5,682,834 (60.8% spent: 66.6% through the year.) 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. 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. A Parshall Area Literacy Team has formed (and still accepting members); the NDSRCL Letter of Intent is attached and will be submitted today. High School Tutoring is piloting a twice a week math tutoring program. Youth group member, Ashley Hall presented with Beth. Parshall School is coordinating with Mandaree School for events. Ashley Hall was chosen for Champions of Change. Letter is due today for Comprehensive Literacy Grant. Letter of intent is needed, committee agreed to the wording. Next referendum vote is around mid-May. With the Referendum votes, MHA funding and School funding, we should have enough to build a new High School. Committee asked what's going to happen if the referendum doesn't go through? Also, does the community understand this is for the children? The school board has the authority to implement some nonmember approved levels. Needs to pass with voter's approval. Contribution from TAT is not in the current budget, but we should have more information next committee after upcoming budget meeting.

B. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College – Twyla Baker, President

Basketball AIHEC is currently going on. 23 basketball teams showed up. Went to Capitol Hill for meetings. Title III Funding for under resourced schools, about \$500,000 per year, school is advocating for this funding. Student AIHEC is in Bismarck next week. HLC Accreditation secured for the next 10 years, in good standing with HLC.

- 1) **GED Department – Betty Lockwood, Director**
Item deferred.

C. Higher Education Program – Martha Hunter, Director

D. All MHA Language Departments

- 1) **Hidatsa:**
Royce Freeman Young Wolf is working on her doctoral. Working with the revitalization of the language. Master apprentice program. Thanks the Committee for supporting the program.
- 2) **Arikara:**
Item deferred.
- 3) **Mandan:**
Item deferred.

E. 477 Program – Jerome Dancing Bull
Item deferred.



F. Head Start Program – Kelly Bradfield, Director

Kelly conferenced in. request to merge infant toddler program with the head start. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked what existing MOA do you have? Infant Toddler Program will come in and test the children. 638 and a Grant, separate funding, merging has been done before in other tribes. The CEO suggest we hold off and making sure there are no legal hurdles before forwarding to Tribal Business Council. Councilwoman Monica Mayer suggest Kelly Bradfield meet with CEO and Education Committee for a working session. March 27th asking if any Councilmembers give a welcome speech for event. Zero Tolerance Policy will be brought forth soon. Staff was already drug tested.

G. Infant and Toddler Program

Item deferred.

H. MHA Education Department - Ruth Swaney, Interim Education Director

Team Education meetings continue on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting will be March 13th in the TERO Energy Building. Budget- Approved, but not fully funded and minimal operating costs. Applying-Native American Language Preservation & Maintenance Grant ANA (Due April 9th). Applying-Department of Justice Grant to address truancy (Submitting March 8th). Attended the Center for Native American Youth's Champion's for Change event in Washington, DC. Our participation was largely sponsored by the Casey Family Programs. Youth initiatives: Partnership with Center for Native American Youth (site visit next week) and MHA Champions for Change.

1) MHA Education Advocate – Dr. Ruth Swaney

Vonnie Alberts read a statement from daughter, Vonica LaPlante. Planning a big brothers and big sisters program. Monty Fox is helping us with the planning. Recently selected for Yale Young Story Teller's Festival.

Ruth Swaney spoke on Champions for Change. Collaborations with other programs to get this started on Fort Berthold. Working on a DOJ grant and other grants as well. Committee suggests submit a budget for job positions. Kateri is a Resource Officer in New Town at New Town High School provided update.

2) MHA Education Pipeline – Deb Wilson, Firector

Cory Sanders provided the report. As of February 2018, the MHA Pipeline now has 257+ post-secondary students that it has served in one capacity or another, both on and off reservation. We also have 54 high school seniors that have been assisted by Pipeline staff, on the reservation. Assistance for both categories includes: F AFSA application assistance, Scholarship searches and applications, Follow up for post-secondary students for tribally based financial aid, Personal and academic advisement, Scholarship Day (NHSC). A total of 10 College Ready



events in Minot, Bismarck, and Fargo (Tracey Baker and Deb Wilson) through the end of March. College Ready events are outreach events for our tribal members who live off reservation, and include F AFSA and scholarship assistance. Partnership with the American Indian College Fund, information session for the Full Circle Scholarship at NHSC - March 1, 2018 from 5-7 p.m. Efforts will be increased to reach out to our students who are bussed from Twin Buttes to the Killdeer and Beulah Public Schools. There were 6 students in the Pipeline system who graduated in December 2018. 6 at United Tribes and 1 at Bismarck State College. Hired a mentor in Grand Forks, Kenney Davis.

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

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Tuition Assistance** – *Martina McKinney*
Item deferred.

B. **Nora Packineau**

The MHA Preservation of Oral History & Language Project will continue to document video and audio recordings of the MHA tribal elders in the Fort Berthold communities. This project will take place through the course of a full year, in order to have access to seasonal tribal stories, as well as personal narratives. Requesting \$71,287.21. Would employ three people. Councilman Randy Phelan feels it's important that we learn our culture as much as our language.

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to forward to next Tribal Business Council Meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

Discussion: Councilman Cory Spotted Bear spoke about budget and working with CEO. Look into getting a contract for Nora Packineau.

- C. **Sponsorship for MSU Cultural Club Pow Wow & Education Program** –
Helamen Hale
Requesting funding.

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to forward to next Tribal Business Council Meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

- D. **Ruth Swaney**
Addressed.



E. Education Assistance for Graduate Studies– Anita Gegleman & Breyleigh Gegelman

Breyleigh Gegelman is seeking Graduate School at the Northwestern Health and Sciences University College of Chiropractic in Bloomington MN. The issue I am having is that Higher Education does not fund summer courses and neither does my current scholarships, therefore I will be looking at more Federal loans for the summer academic year. Submitted financial aid analysis worksheet to verify the breakdown of direct and indirect costs. Requested assistance through the Three Affiliated Tribes for direct and indirect costs.

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to forward to next Tribal Business Council Meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

F. Rodeo School Sponsorship – Blaine Foote

North Dakota is seriously short of Bareback and Saddle bronc riders. Need easy horses for beginners- Shane Gunderson has 12-15 horses that are older and chute broke which are perfect for beginners. There will be tougher horses for experienced students. Blaine Foote, Lynn Asheim, and Shane Gunderson school to let kids try bares or broncs that is affordable (tuition \$100). Any student under 18 will need a parental release. Enrolled tribal members will be tuition free. Submitted budget of \$6,700.

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to forward to next Tribal Business Council Meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

G. Tuition Assistance – Autumn Cardinal

Seeking tuition assistance to attend the Envision 2018 Intensive Law & Trial Program.

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to forward to next Tribal Business Council Meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Randy Phelan moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.



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 10th day of April, 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 10th day of April, 2018.

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Education Committee Chairman,
Councilman Cory Spotted Bear
Tribal Business Council
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Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
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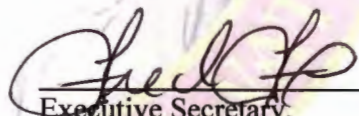
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