



CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman Monica Mayer called the meeting to order at 2:18 PM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh, Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight, & Councilwoman Monica Mayer. *Quorum established.*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **August 23rd, 2022 Education Committee Minutes.**

Motion: Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight moved to approve the August 23rd, 2022 Education Committee Minutes subject to minor changes. Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Next Education Committee Meeting
October 19th, 2022.

B. Education Bill – Carmen Two Bears

Item deferred.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS:

A. Elementary/High School Program Reports

1. **Mandaree Schools - Carolyn Bluestone, Superintendent/High School Principal**
Report submitted for the record. Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$9,656,739.69.
Student Population by Race/Ethnicity and Grade Level (Male/Female Total)
Mandaree School is excited to welcome 8 new J-1 Teachers to our teaching staff. While we still have 5 open teacher positions, we feel fortunate to have intervention teachers on staff who will work with struggling students. We have not had the "people power" to provide support to struggling students for quite a few years. Every Class. Every Class. Present and On Time. A day out of school is a day out of school and needs to be made up to keep high school students from non-crediting a student at 4 days absence per semester. The goal is for students to meet ESSA and a Choice Ready Essential Skill 95% average daily attendance rate. Student school absences and attendance continues to challenge the district.



2. Parshall Schools

3. New Town Schools – Marc Bluestone Sr, Superintendent

Report submitted for the record. Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$ 23,219,854.00. Expenses to Date this Fiscal Year: \$ 4,579,191.00. Student Population (K-12): 956 students (828 or 87% American Indian students) August 31st, 2022. New Town Schools have moved forward into the new school year as "normal" as possible. The wearing of masks is voluntary for employees and students. The exception is if an individual is returning from a quarantine or active case of COVID-19 then masking will be required for five days. 1. Hiring Staff (1 Teacher: English Language Teacher; 3 Paraeducator Positions Hired). Fall Sports Underway (Girls Golf, Football, Cross Country, Volleyball). Stop It Bullying Reporting Application Implemented for the 2022-2023 School Year. Elementary Students toured the Earth Lodge Village and the Healing Horse Ranch on August 23rd & 25th. 5th Grade travelled to Stanton to tour the Knife River Indian Village on August 23rd. Junior & Seniors attended the Veterans End of the Summer Bash on August 24th. STEM Center was provided to the Elementary School by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Devon Energy, and Marathon Oil. They provided training to elementary school staff on August 23rd and provided a Grand Opening on August 25th to local dignitaries. This is the first STEM Center provided by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation on tribal land. Grades 4-12 attended the US Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon Event on August 30th at the Casino. NO Department of Public Instruction Annual School District Required Reports (LEA Directory; District Financial Report; District Enrollment Report; Teacher Credential Report; Staff Employment Report; District Demographics Report) Submitted. Tutoring and Saturday Academies Implemented in all Schools. Demolition of Highland Court Apartment Complex Began (Anticipated Completion Date: October 31st; Tooz Construction, Contractor). Concrete Parking Lot and Bus Drive Installation at the Elementary School (Anticipated Completion Date: August 31st; Comstock & Bauer Concrete, Contractors) Completed. Housing Unit (three-bedroom home @ 10 Acre Housing Complex) Near Completion (Anticipated Completion Date: September 5th, 2022; First Dakota Enterprises, Contractor) Mini Bus Barn (5 stalls @ 10 Acre Housing Complex; Anticipated Completed Date: November 15th, 2022; First Dakota Enterprises, Contractor). High School Construction Project (Auditorium; Music Room; Kitchen Storage; Wrestling Room; Weight Room; Locker Rooms; Storage Area: Anticipated Completion Date: Dec. 1, 2022 Jan. 31st, 2023 March 31st, 2023; Consolidated Construction Co., Inc., Contractor) Continued. Edwin Loe Elementary School is OFF Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) State Status. New Town High School is OFF Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) State Status.

4. Twin Buttes Schools - Troy Walters, Superintendent



Report submitted for the record. Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$2,459,500.00.
Expenses to Date this Fiscal Year: \$225,975.00. Student Population (K-12): 57
students, (94% Native American), (3% Philippine), (3% White)

5. White Shield Schools

Items deferred.

B. MHA Education Department – Amy Mossett, Director

Report submitted for the record. Amy gave an update of recent activities and upcoming events. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked about staff and it was noted that the dept. is short staffed. Provided attendance data, budget/grant report, recent trainings, Amy spoke about attendance for students and program needs. Schools are in need of trained SRO (School Resource Officers with specific training in Drug Prevention. Adequate office and storage space for Education Department staff & equipment. Vacant Education Resource Advocate positions must be filled by qualified applicants. Improved coordination with all entities providing services to students & families. The Tribal Education Department distributed 1,285 backpacks and duffle bags in August 2022. The High school student had a choice of a backpack or an athletic duffle bag. Provided a report of student information for each school on the reservation such as 1632 total Student, 1139 to TAT students, 1259 total Native American students, 101 IEP's, 29 student transports, 84% avg. Attendance Rate, 70% TAT Enrolled. Submitted agenda for the 2022 ESSA Tribal Consultation – MHA Nation/NDDPI meeting.

C. MHA Education Pathways – Barb Anderson

Item deferred.

D. Head Start Program – Kelly Bradfield, Director

Submitted monthly report for the record. Wayne Howard gave update for the Director. Federal Monitoring presented several findings, Income and Grant Report deadlines. Will have to wear masks again soon, it's in effect. The 5 findings that were found, 4 were corrected except 1 (audit finding). Still waiting on CFO to get it taken care of. From the Director written report: We currently are under- enrolled, and we are planning for more events to help recruit under income families to provide services for. I will state that it has been difficult to find families that are under income to fill our open spots, however it had also been difficult to tum away over income families that want the services as well. As you are all aware we as a program have had to watch very carefully our over income percentage versus under income families for fear of not correcting the finding that was issues from the May 2022 programmatic monitoring. Another struggle that we have been having is the lack of the workforce to staff our classrooms. Currently, we are funded for 9 classrooms and as of this report we have only 6 of those classrooms open and serving children. We



have been advertising through the Human Resource department and have posted fliers in all the local communities as well as the Minot, Stanley, Watford City areas to attract individuals who might be interested in our vacant positions. Our department has been scheduling meetings with various programs of the tribe to create a stronger partnership in the sense of services. We are currently creating a resource book for our families of the services and contact numbers for our families to call as it would pertain to their needs. We are also scheduling monthly partnership meetings to help enhance communication of each programs activities and provide an opportunity for all programs to support each other's activities. Some upcoming activities that we have scheduled is a family movie day on September 30th, 2022, family haircuts on October 13th, 2022, also a Head Start Literacy night that will be in conjunction with this night. We are planning a Trunk or Treat on October 31st, 2022, in the Northern Lights parking lot. Invites have been sent out to all programs to participate. This has been met with a great response. Corrections to the findings that were found in May are in being corrected on the programmatic side, the financial findings are still untouched as to correction. I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Mayer for participating in the monthly follow - up calls and her dedication to helping our program to get those findings corrected. There is another call scheduled for Thursday September 22nd, 2022 (today) at 1 p.m., invites were sent out to all Tribal Council members to participate. These calls will be monthly until the findings are corrected. I am requesting to be seen at the next Tribal Council meeting to present the request for a 2.28% COLA increase that was granted by the Office of Head Start. The amount that will be increased to our grant will be in the amount of \$55,132.00. This is continued funding for the grant. I will also be asking for the Tribal Council to approve the 2022 - 2023 Grant Application at that time, as that is a required document for the grant application. I also would like to have the opportunity to address the council about adding 9 more employees to the Head Start tribal budget at that time. We are currently able to fund our staff fully out of our federal grant budget. My need for nine more employees comes from the special needs population that we currently have enrolled as well as those on the wait list that have been diagnosed with more severe disabilities than just the normal speech services that most of our children need at this age. We like all the other schools in the area are trying to recover from the year of lost learning and the lost year of special services. We are seeing a huge increase in children that are diagnosed or are being referred for diagnosis of Autism. If we can have the opportunity for funding more positions in our classrooms this will help in providing services as well as ensuring that our health and safety measures are enhanced.

E. Infant and Toddler Program – Kim Dickins, Director

Item deferred.

F. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College – Twyla Baker, President



Item deferred.

G. Higher Education Program – Martha Hunter, Director & Melissa Everett

Item deferred.

H. 477 Program – Jerome Dancing Bull, Director

Item deferred.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Sherry Turner-Lone Fight seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.



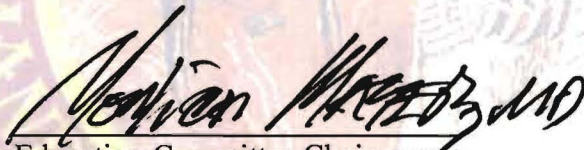


CERTIFICATION


I, the undersigned, as Chairwoman 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 26th day of October 2022; 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 26th day of October, 2022.

ATTEST:



Education Committee Chairwoman,
Councilwoman Monica Mayer, M.D.
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes



Executive Secretary,
Councilman Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council
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