



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Councilwoman Monica Mayer called the meeting to order at 2:50 PM.

**I. ROLL CALL:**

*Present:* Councilman Robert White, Councilman Mervin Packineau, Councilwoman Monica Mayer. *Quorum established.*

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Motion:* Councilman Mervin Packineau moved to approve the agenda. Councilman Robert White seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Education Committee Minutes.**

*Motion:* Councilman Robert White moved to approve the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Education Committee Minutes subject to minor corrections. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Next Education Committee Meeting**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Economic, Education and Cultural.

**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: \$12,504,321.26. Expensed to Date this Fiscal Year: 33.48% of the budget expended. Student Population Excluding White not of Hispanic Origin: Mandaree Day School: 189/100%. 2022-2023 Breakdown for Diversity Employee Ethnic Diversity: Administrative Staff (4)[ 3 American Indian (75%), 3 American Indian (75%) 24 non-Indian (80%) 1 Non-Indian (25%), 1 Open position. Teaching Staff (30): 24 non-Indian (80%), 6 American Indian (20%), 3 Open Positions. Hourly Employees (28): 5 non-Indian (17.8%), 23 American Indian (82.2%), 2 Open Positions. 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 a high school student 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. At the next Education Committee Mandaree School would like to be on the agenda. We currently administer the North Dakota State Assessment as well as the Bureau of Indian Education State Assessment. We will be requesting a Tribal Resolution to request a waiver to eliminate the BIE testing cycle and use the NDSA as the



measure for student achievement. It requires a Tribal resolution. At our recent on-site audit with BIE they stated there are schools in Arizona and Turtle Mountain that have eliminated the BIE test requirement.

**2) Parshall Schools - *Shane Sagert, Superintendent***

Report submitted for the record. Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$5,115,167. Expensed through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023: \$5,682,406 (90% of budget). Total Number of Students: 264. Total number of American Indian Students: 209 (79%). Student Attendance: Parshall Elementary – 90% year to date- 85% for last four weeks, Parshall High School – 76% year to date - 68% for last four weeks, District - 85% year to date - 82% for last four weeks.

**3) New Town Schools – *Mark Bluestone, Superintendent***

Report submitted for the record. Current Fiscal Year Budget: \$ 36,160,918.06. Expenses to Date this Fiscal Year: \$ 28,389,490.64 with 79% of the budget expended. Student Population (K-12): 924 students (785 or 85% American Indian students). Ethnic Diversity of NTPSD#1: Teaching Staff (97): 37 Non-Indian (38%), 7 American Indian (7%), 53 Other Minority (55%). Administrative Staff (9): 8 Non-Indian (89%), 1 American Indian (11 %). Staff Immunization Numbers: Teachers/Administration: 99/106: 93%, Classified Staff: 61/76: 80%. Boomer Immunization Numbers: Teachers/Administration: 83/106: 78%, Classified Staff: 39/76: 51%. 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. Spring Sports Season Underway (Baseball, Softball, and Boys Golf). Stop It Bullying Reporting Application Implementation Continues. After School Tutoring and Saturday Academies throughout the District Continues. Advertised for a Middle School Social Studies Teacher & Assistant Elementary Principal for the 2023-2024 School Year (no applications at this time). Elementary School Participated in the North Dakota Native American Science Fair in Minot on March 22<sup>nd</sup> (11 students won awards). Community Hand Game Night Held on March 24<sup>th</sup> (71 adults and 21 students in attendance). Science Fair Held at New Town Middle School & New Town High School on March 24<sup>th</sup>. No School on April 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> (Spring Break). Superintendent Hired for the 2023-2024 School Year (Dr. Anthony Vandal, an enrolled member of Turtle Mountain Tribe; Currently a Middle School Principal in Grand Forks; Start Date: July 1<sup>st</sup>). Negotiations Process for Teacher Contracts for the 2023-2024 School Year Continues. Coal Building Removal Project Work Underway @ the Elementary School (Anticipated Completion Date: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023). High School Construction Project (Auditorium; Music Room; Kitchen Storage; Wrestling Room; Weight Room; Locker Rooms; Storage Area: Anticipated Completion Date: May 31, 2023; Consolidated Construction Co., Inc., Contractor) Continued.

**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: \$1,229,750 with 65% of the budget expended. Student Population (K-12): 58 students: (94% Native American), (3% Philippine), (3% White). Ethnic Diversity of Twin Buttes: Teaching Staff (8): [4 non-Indian (50%), 3 American Indian (37%), 1 Philippine (13%)]. Administrative Staff (1): [1 non-Indian (100%)]. Non-Certified Staff (10): [2 non-Indian (22%), 7 American Indian (77%)]. Next School Board Meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 cst. Community In Schools Project Implementation (Services/Training) Continue (Bus Barn, Additional Classrooms, Language Building renovation, Additional Playground Equipment. Currently No Mask requirements. School Improvement Process-Preparation for Spring2023 - Site Visit Continue. School Continues (Face to Face)

**5) White Shield Schools – Wayne Fox, Superintendent**

*Item deferred.*

**B. MHA Education Department – Amy Mossett, Director**

Amy states employees have been busy with meetings at the schools. Randy Heart is currently working and is temporary, Armand is another worker working temporarily. 22-26 an hour depending on degrees. Carolyn is also a temporary worker, she is working in the school. Culture and School event coming up soon. Amy invited the council to give opening remarks. This is not a public event, will have about 750 students attending. Tiera Kinden did not get her college funding because she turned in her application in late December. Councilwoman Monica Mayer asked Amy to get into the school and work with the student to apply for college, trade school and what scholarships are available and deadlines. Grants are available for students, most students do not know of all the grants that are available. College fairs would help students. Committee should put Amy in charge of setting up a meeting with Barb, Martha and Twyla need to meet and work together to get students informed.

**C. MHA Education Pathways – Barb Anderson**

*Item deferred.*

**D. Head Start Program – Kelly Bradfield**

*Item deferred.*

**E. Infant and Toddler Program – Kim Dickins, Director**

*Item deferred.*

**F. Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College – Twyla Baker, President**



Submitted report for the record. NHSC 2022 Community Needs Assessment The data collected using this Community Needs Assessment will be used to determine economic needs in the communities we service, guide us in developing our next strategic plan, and assist us in creating skilled learners for the local workforce. Dr. Baker handed out to the Committee to fill out and return. Planning the Founder's Day & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff of the College. Graduation -May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Northern Lights, New Town, 10 AM. Keynote Speaker - Chance Rush. 49 candidates as of today, 15 of those are GED students. AIHEC National Tournament Wrap Up -22 Men's & Women's teams competed, NHS Storm men's got 5th in the D1 bracket, and women's ended in 3rd in D1. Two All-Tournament selections from NHSC; Championships went to Men's Northwest Indian College, and women's Chief Dull Knife College. request drawdown of our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd quarter payment for FY 23. We are aware that the College is in the TAT budget at \$2.5 million; we are requesting Q1 and Q2 -\$1,250,000.

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

*Item deferred.*

**H. 477 Program – Jerome Dancing Bull, Director**

*Item deferred.*

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** Councilman Robert White moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Mervin Packineau seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:16 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023; 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

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

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