

Sisseton Wahpeton College
Regular Meeting
Classrooms 1 and 2.
Board of Trustees Minutes
8/20/2024

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM.

Roll Call:

Big Coulee	Marijo Keeble	Present
Buffalo Lake	Heather Larsen	Present
Enemy Swim	Janell Williams	Present
Lake Traverse	Jessica Redthunder	Present
Long Hollow	Izola Flyinghorse	Present
Old Agency	Rhonda Kampeska	Present
Heipa	Marie Renville	Present
Tribal Council Ex. Officio	Gypsy Wanna	Absent
Student Council	None	Absent

Other Present: President Dr. Erica C. Holmes (zoom), VPSS Vince Owen, VPAA , CFO Jennifer Pelzel, Grants Writer Lee Ann Tallbear, Dr. Sherry Johnson SWO Tribal Education Department and Sisseton Wahpeton College Recorder Lauren E. Owen.

Opening Prayer given by Marie Renville.

Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Motion 1: Motion made by Trustee Flyinghorse to approve agenda. Second by Trustee Redthunder. Question by Trustee Larsen. Motion voted passed.

Chairwoman Williams opened the floor for public comment and there were none.

Reading of the Mission Statement.

New approved bylaws distributed.

Board stipends were discussed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board of Trustees Chairwoman Williams Reported:

Chairwoman Williams did not have anything to report.

She asked if the board had any questions and there were none.

New approved bylaws:

Copies were distributed.

Board stipends:

A discussion was held.

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CONSENT AGENDA

College Reports:

President Report:

- There will be a board of trustee training opportunity in Denver Colorado in September should anyone be interested in attending.
- The Fall semester is off to a good start.
- The President introduced the new Grant Writer Lee Ann Tallbear and her report was given at this time.

Grant Writer Report:

- NSF and IMLS grants are delinquent as they expired 7/30/2023. She has been working on obtaining a 120 day extension. She has been working with the tribe on these issues.
- Grant emails were being sent to former Presidents.
- The NSF grant has a new PI.
- She will be going over the Extension and Equity grants.
- President Holmes informed the board that another consultant will be hired to expedite the grant audit process.
- Lee Ann is looking into software that will be helpful with grant management. The name of the software is Ecibis.
- Equipment grant is ready to expire. The college currently has 4 grants to order equipment with.

CFO Report:

- She continues to work on the budget.

HR Report:

- Almost fully staffed with the exception of one position for the business office.

VPAA Report:

- 220 students last 2023 Fall with 2423 credits.
- The question was asked about the RN program and the status. She said the status is on hold until more instructors are found.
- Dakota Language elder sessions have switched from Friday's to Thursdays.

VPSS Report:

- Vince and Tia had taken the GED testing in order to test and he is working on a third person testing as well for the department.
- The dorms are full to capacity with a wait list and two RA (Residential Aides) are interested for the men and women's dorms.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item: Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting for July 16, 2024.

Motion 2: Motion made by Trustee Flyinghorse to approve the July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Second by Trustee Redthunder. Question by Trustee Renville. Motion voted passed. 7/0 (Trustee Keeble not voting.)

Action Item: Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting for July 18, 2024.

Motion 3: Motion made by Trustee Larsen to approve the July 18, 2024 Special Meeting minutes. Second by Trustee Redthunder. Question by Trustee Renville. Motion voted passed. 7/0

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Action Item: Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting for July 23, 2024.

Motion 4: Motion made by Trustee Larsen to approve the July 23, 2024. Second by Trustee Redthunder. Question by Trustee Renville. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: Approve HVAC Funding.

Motion 5: Motion made by Trustee Larsen to approve the HVAC Funding using BIE funds in the amount of \$1,672,560.00. Second by Trustee Renville. Question by Trustee Redthunder.

Action Item: Approve the Strategic Plan.

Motion 6: Motion made by Trustee Larsen to approve the Strategic Plan. Second by Trustee Flyinghorse. Question by Trustee Larsen. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: Approve Bank Signor changes.

Motion 7: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve the bank signor changes to remove Dale Jones from banking signatory authority. Second by Trustee Keeble. Question by Trustee Flyinghorse. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: Approve Bank Signor changes.

Motion 8: Motion made by Trustee Keeble to approve the bank signor changes to add Lona Miller banking signatory authority and add Melanie Seaboy banking authority and positive pay upload. Second by Trustee Redthunder. Question by Trustee Flyinghorse. Motion voted passed. 7/0

Action Item: Approve Consent Agenda.

Motion 9: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to approve the consent agenda. Second by Trustee Flyinghorse. Question by Trustee Keeble. Motion voted passed. 7/0

DISTRICT CONCERNS:

Big Coulee District:

→ None.

Buffalo Lake District:

→ None.

Enemy Swim District:

→ None.

Old Agency District:

→ None.

Long Hollow District:

→ Who does security and is there cost for all the fuel they are using while driving around the campus?

Lake Traverse District:

→ None.

Heipa District:

→ None.

Motion 10: Motion made by Trustee Redthunder to adjourn. Second by Trustee Flyinghorse. Motion voted passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren E. Owen
Recorder