

**MINUTES OF THE  
C-EB 95-561 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
C-EB ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
Monday, May 08, 2023**

Approved  
06-12-23

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rhea LeCompte, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:18 P.M. on Monday, May 08, 2023.

**ROLL CALL**

The following board members were present:

Francine Hall (Chair), Randee Red Fox (Vice Chair), Rhea LeCompte, M. Jay Cook, Candace Lee, Codi High Elk, Connie Bowker, Manny Iron Hawk (A).

Administration present: Jennifer Bowman, Pine Ridge ERC Education Program Administrator, Justin Tillich Curriculum Coordinator, Robbi Birkeland, Secretary, Nicole Shepherd, Business Technician (HR), Ashley Elk Nation, Business Specialist.

Others in attendance: Dr. Vicki Birkeland, Chip Bird Necklace, Dr. Cherie Farlee, Wanda Gunville

**INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Invocation was given by Candace Lee

**ELECTION OF 95-561 SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR AND 95-561 SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR**

Motion by Candace Lee to nominate Mrs. Francine Hall for Board Chair because of her background in Education and Degree in Education. She would be the best person for 95-561 School Board Chair position.

Motion to cease nominations by M Jay Cook, seconded by Candace Lee  
No other nominees, Francine Hall is 95-561 School Board Chair

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting. Motion Carried

Motion by M Jay Cook to nominate Randee Red Fox for Vice Board Chair.

Motion to cease nominations by M Jay Cook, seconded by Candace Lee  
No other nominees, Randee Red Fox is 95-561 School Board Vice Chair

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting. Motion Carried

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA with addition**

Motion by M Jay Cook, seconded by Connie Bowker to approve of the agenda for the May 08, 2023, meeting with addition.

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair) Motion Carried

## **SCHOOL SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Mr. Justin Tillich gave School Supervisor's Report

- Preparing for BIE Fiscal and programmatic review, week of May 8-12, 2023
- Janitorial staff prepared the school for the Fiscal and programmatic review. Compliments to the janitors.
- Continuing to improve the culture and climate of the school
- Continuing partnership meetings with outside agencies
- Weekly staff meetings with principals on Wednesday's and Leadership on Thursday's
- Working with HR, getting staff onboard
- Mental Health and Wellness for Staff, Staff appreciation events
- Preparation for the Comprehensive Needs Analysis and School Wide Plan hoping to work with Edmentum on improving these
- WestEd Collaboration, uploading curriculum maps
- Inquiry by M Jay Cook. One staff member volunteered to go to St. Stephen's for 60 day detail. Candace Lee would like our staff to stay here and not go to St. Stephen's.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Dr. Cherie Farlee and Wanda Gunville to present gifts to outgoing 95-561 School Board members.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by M. Jay Cook, seconded by Candace Lee to approve the April 11, 2023, meeting minutes.

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Ashley Elk Nation, Business Specialist gave the following report to the board members:

- Day to Day operations; encoding PRs for SY' 23-24 services, Completing Micro Purchase (Below \$10,000), working with BIE acquisition team on new requirements. A purchase order was rewarded to Mooweep (\$11,550.00) for Snowplow accessories. Collaborating with Mrs. Bowman and Justin Tillich on statements of work. A PR for a Side Dump Trailer was encoded. Cares Act Funding have expired.

## PERSONNEL

Motion by Candace Lee, seconded by Connie Bowker to go into executive session.

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 5:46 P.M.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:34 P.M.

- **Short Term Contract ~ Special Education, Keni Jo Ducheneaux from 05-29-23 to 06-02-2023**

Motion by M Jay Cook, seconded by Candace Lee

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion Carried

- **Assistant Principal – Primary Elementary School**

Motion by Codi High Elk, seconded by Connie Bowker to concur with the administration's recommendation for selection.

Selection: Darlene Brown

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion Carried.

- **Teacher – Primary Elementary School**

Motion by M Jay Cook, seconded by Codi High Elk to select

Jane Ducheneaux

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion Carried.

- **Teacher – Primary Elementary School**

Motion by Randee Red Fox, seconded by Codi High Elk to select

Sean Nestler

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion Carried.

- **Staff Retention Bonus – To provide all BIE staff 25% retention bonus to be paid out 2 pay periods as soon as possible.**

Motion by Candace Lee, seconded by Codi High Elk

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion Carried.

- **Acting School Principal – rescind school board action from 04-11-23 school board action to detail Justin Tillich as Principal/School Supervisor for 120 days. Mrs. Jennifer Bowman will be acting Principal/School Supervisor.**

**Motion made by Candace Lee to rescind the detail for Mr. Justin Tillich. (No reason) and to request services of Mrs. Bowman to act as Principal/School Supervisor until position is filled.**

Motion by Candace Lee, seconded by Randee Red Fox

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion Carried.

- **Amend Org. Chart – Creating a Special Education Technician for Primary Elementary School.**

Motion to amend the Org. chart by Randee Red Fox, seconded by Codi High Elk

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion Carried.

## **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Title I Director to attend 95-561 School Board meetings and provide a monthly narrative and a financial report**

Motion by Candace Lee, to receive a monthly report on C-EB school's Title I funds.

Seconded by M Jay Cook

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion Carried.

**Title I Director report** – Title I program works with C-EB School Supervisor, They do all the Native star stuff that needs to be planned and staff development.

- Title I will be purchasing Edmentum for \$170,000.00, ACT Tests, NWA Map Testing, Assessment for Smarter Balance.
- Wage scale was increased for Title I.
- Will implement activities. Lakota Culture After School program (T,W,TH)
- Annual Title I meeting 05/10/23 @ 5:00 pm
- Partnering with CRST Culture Center – butchering a buffalo with student participation
- Pow-wow on May 12, 2023. Grand entry begins at 12:00 pm
- Summer School
- July 10-21, 2023, Cultural Camp

- **The next regular 95-561 School Board meeting will be June 12, 2023. Cooperative Meeting will be May 17, 2023.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Codi High Elk, seconded by M Jay Cook to adjourn.

Vote: 5 voted in favor, 1 absent, 1 not voting (Francine Hall, Chair). Motion carried.

The board adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Robbi Birkeland, Secretary