

MEETING MINUTES

JOHNSON-O'MALLEY INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2025 @ 5:30 PM (MST)

Page USD #8 Hogan, Page, AZ

01. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order @ 5:35 PM by Evonne Yazzie

A. ROLL CALL:

- Evonne Yazzie (President/LeChee Chapter Rep.)- in attendance
- Tincer Harris (Vice-President/Kaibeto Chapter Rep.)- in attendance
- April Endischee (Secretary/ Coppermine Chapter Rep.)- in attendance
- Beatrice John (Member/ Bodaway-Gap Chapter Rep.)- in attendance

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE: Observed

C. APPROVAL OF March 19, 2025, Regular IEC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve by: Tincer Harris

Second by: Beatrice John

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained

Motion carried.

D. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by: April Endischee

Second by: Tincer Harris

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained

Motion Carried.

02. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-MINUTES): None

03. REPORTS:

A. Barry Sherman, Science Teacher

- Acknowledged and thanked JOM for approving funds granted to the science room. Visual documentation, including pictures and examples of student projects, was presented to demonstrate how the purchased equipment and supplies have been utilized. The hands-on learning opportunities have had a positive impact on student engagement and have enhanced lesson delivery. These activities align with Arizona state educational standards. Additional materials will be requested in the upcoming year to further support instructional needs.

B. John Baxter, Yearbook Teacher

- Acknowledged and thanked JOM for approving funds granted to the Yearbook class. The IEC members were presented with a finished 24'-25' yearbook (signed by the students) to demonstrate

how the 5 purchased cameras were utilized. The yearbook class has been very successful.

C. Indian Education Committee Members

- **Evonne Yazzie, President/ LeChee Chapter Representative**

- There was nothing new to report to the community, as the JOM meeting has not been held since March, but updates from the school district email have been shared with the chapter for posting on their social media page. The next regular chapter meeting is scheduled for July 14 at 4:00 PM MST. Appreciation was expressed to Tincer for facilitating the special Title VI Meeting in May. It was also mentioned that this is her final year, and the IEC is encouraged to begin considering candidates for the next chairperson. Participated in the Virtual Negotiation Meeting on June 4, with a report that funding is expected to become available around October, a more detailed report was shared but overall negotiation meeting went well with minor issues and corrections to be made by Mr. Begay. Attendance at the upcoming JOM Regional Meeting is also planned. Additionally, a parent raised a concern about changes to next year's graduation, which is now set to take place on a Thursday, the same day as the last day of school. The parent attempted to encourage greater participation at the school board meeting but reported that no other parents attended. There is a request for clarification from Mr. Anderson regarding the reasoning behind this schedule change.

- **April Endishee, Secretary/ Coppermine Chapter Representative**

- The April Chapter meeting was not attended, so no report is available. During the May Chapter meeting, concerns were raised regarding the condition of the school buses servicing routes N20 and 6210. It was reported that the buses are outdated and lack functioning air conditioning. It was also shared because of the poor condition of the roadways; new buses would not be a solution without addressing infrastructure issues as the challenges would remain there. Parents voiced complaints about their children arriving home overheated, particularly during warmer weather, and raised other safety concerns about the bus pullouts along route N20. The Chapter plans to address these issues with the Navajo Department of Transportation (NDOT) at their next meeting, and the matter will also be brought to the attention of the Superintendent. The Chapter President also requested a count of community graduates, and the AIEP

Assistant provided that information. Plans are to host an honors dinner in recognition of the graduates.

- **Beatrice John, Member/ Bodaway-Gap Chapter Representative**

- The chapter has been hosting various events, including a Family Assistance Program that provides financial support to help families with utility bills. They are also organizing a health fair. The next meeting is scheduled for this coming Saturday.

- **Tincer Harris, Vice-President/ Kaibeto Chapter Representative**

- Attendance at the meeting has not yet been possible due to personal engagements, but it was reported that five scholarships were finally approved and plans to attend the next chapter meeting.

D. Dr. Bryce Anderson, Superintendent

- Non-attendee, on spring break.

E. Carlos Begay, Coordinator of Indian Education

- Flyers detailing program updates and upcoming events below are available in the Indian Education Office.
- **Program Updates**
 - May 05, 2025, Navajo Nation JOM FY25-26 Allocated Award letter. Total allocation amount of \$15,066.07 for FY25-26.
 - May 23, 2025, EASIE Grant Application Conditional Approval. Total allocation amounts \$427,029.00 for FY25-26.
 - May 29, 2025, Spring 2025 Navajo Nation JOM Programmatic & Fiscal Monitoring Visit at the Page USD HS Hogan. Reviewing JOM education, IEC minutes, fiscal, and other documents pertinent to the program.
 - June 04, 2025, SY25-26 Negotiating Meeting via Virtual Zoom meeting. Negotiation meeting for SY25-26 contract in the amount of \$15,066.07.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - Tentative: June 24-25, 2025, Navajo Nation JOM Regional Meeting located at Flagstaff, AZ. Rescheduled 2025 NN JOM meeting at the High-Country Conference Center.
 - Tentative: June 26-July 21, 2025, 2025 National Unity Conference in San Diego, CA. Page USD Navajo Language UNITY Club (NLUC) members will be attending the 2025 National Unity Conference. There will be a total of 5 students attending this year's conference (2 high school, and 3 middle school students).

F. Ricki Seschillie, Navajo Language, Page Middle School

- Non-attendee, report has been attached.

G. Earl Sombrero, Navajo Language, Page High School

- Non-attendee, report has been attached.

04. NEW BUSINESS:

A. JOM Budget Update, Carlos Begay, Coordinator Ind. Ed., Discussion/ Possible Action

- **Budget Contract 234:** Navajo Nation extended budget to December 31, 2025. Transfers are in progress up to May. Has a remaining balance of \$8,731.77.
- **Budget Contract 230:** An extension is currently in progress, pending a response from the Navajo Nation JOM Office regarding a contract extension through December 2025. The contract has a remaining balance of \$29,927.44. Of this amount, approximately \$18,000 is anticipated to be allocated for the purchase of clear backpacks for all students across the district, depending upon receiving all quote submissions.

B. Tentatively JOM IEC Retreat- Carlos Begay, Coordinator Ind. Ed.

- With the direction of the Navajo Nation JOM, it was decided to proceed as soon as possible. The target month became July, though no formal commitments had yet been secured from presenters. The tentative dates being considered were July 16th and 17th. The event would most likely to be held in Page during the schoolwork week due to financial constraints.

05. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

06. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- June 10, 2025- Governing Board Regular Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- July 08, 2025- Governing Board Regular Meeting @ 5:30 PM

07. NEXT IEC MEETING: August 13, 2025 @ 5:30pm (subject to change)

08. ADJOURNMENT: at 6:25pm

Motion to adjourn by: Beatrice John

Second by: April Endishee

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Motion carried.