

**MEETING MINUTES**  
JOHNSON-O'MALLEY INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
**October 22, 2025 @ 5:30 PM (MST)**  
Page USD #8 Hogan, Page, AZ

**01. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order @ 4:40 PM by Evonne Yazzie

**A. ROLL CALL:**

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

**B. MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Observed

**C. APPROVAL OF** September 24, 2025, Regular IEC Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to approve by:** Lisa Harris

**Second by:** April Endischee

**Vote:** 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained

**Motion carried.**

**D. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion to approve by:** Lisa Harris

**Second by:** April Endischee

**Vote:** 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained

**Motion Carried.**

**02. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-MINUTES):** None

**03. REPORTS:**

**A. Indian Education Committee Members**

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

- Attended the September and October Chapter meetings. In September, the highlight of the meeting was the recognition of 22 scholarship recipients, 21 full-time and one part-time. Past alumni also shared updates on their current careers and achievements. It was reported that Antelope Canyon Tours donated \$20,000 to LeChee Chapter to support these scholarships. As a parent of two recipients, appreciation was expressed for the donation and community support. In October, copies of the IPP were distributed to community members and encouraged attendance at the public hearing. Copies of the requirements for IEC membership were also provided. Meeting announcements included the following: End of daylight savings time on November 2, LeChee Chapter planning meeting on November 3 from 5–7 p.m. MST, Special election by the Coconino County Elections Office on November 4, Chapter meeting and community Thanksgiving dinner on November 10 from 5–8 p.m., Navajo Cake demonstration hosted by a community member on November 21 from 3–6 p.m. Continued to share flyers and agendas for professional development events, including Kinaaldá Parts 1 and 2, the Male Rite of Passage, and Dine Homeland, and has been shared through the Chapter's social media. Also, meetings addressing four resolutions of no confidence regarding Mr. Nygren.

• **Lisa Harris, Vice-President/ Kaibeto Chapter Representative**

- The chapter passed a vote of no confidence in Buu Nygren and attempted to approve. The construction of a road from Gap to Kaibeto, which would benefit the 13 students living along that route. The Chapter also discussed budget.

• **April Endischee, Secretary/ Coppermine Chapter Representative**

- Did not attend the Chapter meeting because it had been postponed due to a special meeting that took place in Tonalea and was rescheduled to a later date.

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

- Non-attendee, no report.

## **B. Carlos Begay, Coordinator of Indian Education**

- Flyers detailing program updates and upcoming events below are available in the Indian Education Office.
- **Programming Updates:**
  - September 24, 2025, Meeting with Brian Henderson and his team, located at Page Early Childhood Learning Center, invitation by Brian Henderson to provide an orientation on Navajo cultural significance of animal taboo(s) in preparation upcoming ecology lessons.
  - September 25th, 2025, meeting with Mary Stahl and her team, located at Page Elementary, invitation by Mary Stahl to provide an orientation on Navajo cultural significance of animal taboos in preparation upcoming ecology lessons.
  - September 25th, 2025, culture night, located at PHS Hogan from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, Page USD AIEP culture orientation night on “Kinaalda” storytelling inspired by Page Unity Club.
  - September 30th, 2025, Page USD staff PD, located at PHS Hogan from 4:30 to 6:30, Page USD staff professional development slash professional learning opportunities; Dine’ Philosophy.
  - October 1st, 2025, Culture Night, located at PHS Hogan from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, Page USD AIEP Culture Orientation Night on “Kinaalda” Part 2 storytelling inspired by Page Unity Club.
  - October 8th, 2025, Culture Night, located at PHS Hogan from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, Page USD AIEP culture orientation night on “Male Rite of Passage: Voice Changing” storytelling requested by parents and community members.
  - October 13th through the 16th 2025, 2025 annual Indigenous people's day, located at Page USD, celebration across the district for the whole week.
  - October 15th or 24th, 2025, tribal consultation, located at DODE in Window Rock, Arizona, depending on Page USD Superintendent schedule: 2025 in Person Tribal Consultation scheduled at 10 AM or 2025 virtual Tribal Consultation scheduled at 3:30 PM at Navajo Nation of Dine’ Education Office in Window Rock, Arizona.
  - October 21st, 2025, Page USD Staff PD, located at PHS Hogan from 8:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Page USD staff professional development/ professional learning opportunities; Dine’ Homeland.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - October 23, 2025, AZ ADE OIE JOM Forum, through Virtual AZ JOM Forum, Presentation invitation by AZ ADE OIE to provide an orientation on “Parent and Community Engagement”.
  - November 4th, 2025, Page USD Staff PD, at PHS Hogan from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Page USD Staff professional development/ professional learning opportunities: Rites of Passage.
  - November 5-6, 2025, 2025 Annual Pageant, at the Page USD CAB, for Pre-K through 12th grade starting at 5:00 PM both days.
  - November 7-10, 2025, 2025 Annual NJOMA Conference, in Denver, CO, presentation invitation by NJOMA to provide multiple orientations/ presentations.

## **C. Dr. Bryce Anderson, Superintendent**

- Six candidates applied for the vacant position on the governing board. Last week, Cheryl Mango-Paget, the Coconino County Superintendent of Schools, and community members interviewed all six candidates. A decision was expected within the week. The selected appointee was required to run in the next November election. At that time, there would be two four-year open seats and one two-year open seat, as the position previously held was a four-year term. Appointees could not serve beyond the next election. This maintained the board’s election cycle of two members elected off the presidential year and three on the presidential year.
- Following last month’s meeting, a plan was implemented to reopen Page Elementary School’s playground to the public.
- Regarding district improvements, a major issue arose with the high school gymnasium, which posed a health, safety, and welfare concern. The east and middle courts were deemed

unplayable, while the west court remained usable. Contractors and the district's insurance company evaluated repair options. They reported that patching or sanding might cause reverse cupping, so replacement was being considered. The gym was expected to remain closed until around or shortly after winter break. Scheduling adjustments were made to accommodate this closure, and the middle school gym was used as an alternative.

- The fencing project at the Early Childhood Learning Center began, separating the playground from the parking lot. The parking area would also be fenced for use as overflow parking for gym spectators.
- After-school programming takes place at the elementary school, and the cross-country coaching was addressed by starting a club to ensure all students had an opportunity to be involved.

**D. Ricki Seschillie, Navajo Language Teacher, Page HS**

- In attendance, report was submitted and available in the AIEP Office.

**E. Earl Sombrero, Navajo Language Teacher, Page HS**

- Non-attendee, report was submitted and available in the AIEP Office.

**04. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion and possible action of nominating IEC Officers**

**Motion to table to next meeting by:** Lisa Harris

**Second by:** April Endischiee

**Vote:** 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained

**Motion Carried.**

**B. JOM Budget Update, Carlos Begay, Coordinator Ind. Ed., ~Update**

• **SY 2023–2024 Budget Contract 234**

- Budget transfer is still in progress and reflects a balance of \$4,809.62.
- When Indirect Cost of \$1,500 is included, the budget would reflect the amount of \$3,309.62.
- Potential planned expenditures may be used as a single lump sum or allocated to those awaiting budget approval for class or parental costs.

• **SY 2024–2025 Budget Contract 230**

- A budget transfer is still in progress and reflects a balance of \$6,005.20.
- With Indirect Cost of \$1,500 is included, the budget would reflect the amount of \$4,502.20.
- Budget is anticipated to be closed out in the next couple of months.

• **SY 2025–2026 Budget Contract 231.**

- Available budget balance reflects the amount of \$0.00.
- Other discussions: Budget cuts - The Navajo Nation obtained approval from the Tribal Council for a designated budget amount, as referenced in the documents provided at the previous meeting. They are currently in the process of allocating those funds among the 32 contractors, including us.

**05. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**06. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- October 28, 2025 - Governing Board Work/ Study Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- November (Heritage Month)
- November 10, 2025 - Governing Board Regular Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- November 11, 2025 - Veteran's Day (No School)
- November 24-27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Break (No School)

**07. NEXT IEC MEETING:** November 19, 2025 @ 5:30pm (subject to change)

**08. ADJOURNMENT:** at 5:18 PM

**Motion to adjourn by:** Lisa Harris

**Second by:** April Endischiee

**Vote:** 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**Motion carried.**