

**Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**34 South Hiline Road, Room 1B**  
**Shoshoni Language Helpers Room**  
**January 15, 2019**  
**5:30 PM**

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**Vision:** Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy (CTEA) is an exemplary student-centered learning organization reflecting the Shoshone-Bannock values of deniwape and life-long learning. The mission of CTEA's heritage language immersion program is to provide a positive environment in which all students ultimately will be educated in the Shoshoni, Bannock and English languages. In order to better prepare our children academically, social, and culturally to meet the future challenges of a global society, CTEA has three primary purposes: academics, bilingualism and cultural enrichment.

**CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

A Regular Session of the Board of Directors was held in Fort Hall, Idaho on the 15th day of January, 2019, as provided in Section 33-510, Idaho Code. Chair Racehorse called the regular meeting to order at 5:34 P.M. A quorum was present.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Board of Directors/ Administration present:**

Velda Racehorse, Chair  
Belma Colter, Treasurer  
Nancy Eschief Murillo, Secretary  
Merceline Boyer, Board Director

Shoshawna Covington, Board Director  
Joel Weaver, Director of School Programs  
Dr. Cyd Crue, Principal  
Sherice Gould, Clerk

**Board of Directors/ Administration absent:**

Leslie St. Clair, Vice-Chair (Excused)  
Maxine Edmo (Excused)

**APPROVAL AND/OR AMEND AGENDA-Action Item**

Chair Racehorse reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Secretary Eschief Murillo and seconded by Treasurer Colter to amend the agenda 1) Change Authorize Payment of Claim (Expenditures) to New Business b) and 2) Add Authorization Certification Approval to New Business c), inserted at the time of the meeting due to the need to seek Alternative Elementary (K-8) certification for a teacher, Jose Mendez, as CTEA was unable to find an already certified teacher for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2018-2019 school year. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Patrons wishing to address the Board was to fill out the "Request to Appear before the Board" form and present it to the Board Chair or Board Secretary prior to the meeting. If allowed to appear before the Board, the patron had up to 5 minutes to comment. Board members do not respond to delegations at the time of the meeting, instead, issues are directed to the appropriate staff member for follow-up.

There were no patrons wishing to appear before the Board of Directors on January 15, 2019.

**DESIGNATION OF NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019-Action Item**

A motion was made by Treasurer Colter and seconded by Secretary Eschief Murillo to designate seven (7) seats for the Board of Directors during 2019. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS-Action Item**

A motion was made by Secretary Eschief Murillo and seconded by Treasurer Colter to rescind the previous motion to wait to have a full Board for election of officers, and to instead designate a quorum to be present. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Secretary Eschief Murillo and seconded by Board Director Boyer to retain the same officer positions for 2019. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**DESIGNATION OF BOARD CLERK-Action Item**

A motion was made by Treasurer Colter and seconded by Secretary Eschief Murillo to designate Sherice Gould as Board Clerk for 2019. The voting was four (4) in favor (VR, BC, NEM, and MB), one (1) abstained (SC), and two (2) absent (ME, LSC). Motion carries.

**DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS CUSTODIAN AND ALTERNATE-Action Item**

A motion was made by Secretary Eschief Murillo and seconded by Board Director Boyer to designate Board Clerk as public records custodian and District Administrative Assistant as alternate for 2019. The voting was four (4) in favor (VR, BC, NEM, and MB), one (1) abstained (SC), and two (2) absent (ME, LSC). Motion carries.

**CONSENT AGENDA-Action Item**

**Approval of Minutes- Action Items**

The Board may take action to approve the following minutes as presented, or as corrected:

**a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes- December 18, 2018**

A motion was made by Board Director Covington and seconded by Treasurer Colter to approve December 18, 2018 minutes with corrections. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board may take action to approve, deny, amend, modify or postpone action on any of the items listed below:

**a. Collaboration with Shoshone-Bannock Tribes-Action Item**

Recommendation: Administration recommends Board to approve collaboration with Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on development of strategic plan for all schools with tribal member students.

A motion was made by Treasurer Colter to authorize Chair Racehorse and Secretary Eschief Murillo to meet with Yvette Tuell, Policy Analyst and Jessica James, Tribal Youth Education Program Manager for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to look at Ordinance EDUC-08-S6. Motion was lost, there was no second.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board may take action to approve, deny, amend, modify or postpone action on any of the items listed below:

**a. Intensive Immersion Initiative-Action Item**

Recommendation: Administration recommends Board to approve the initiative.

A motion was made by Treasurer Colter and seconded by Secretary Eschief Murillo to approve pilot project with the stipulation that Director of School Programs Weaver present a plan in writing and results at the next regular CTEA Board meeting in February 2019. The voting was four (4) in favor (VR, BC, NEM, and MB), one (1) abstained (SC), and two (2) absent (ME, LSC). Motion carries.

**b. Financials for December 2018-Action Item**

Recommendation: Administration recommended Board approve the financial expenditures for the previous month.

A motion was made by Secretary Eschief Murillo and seconded by Treasurer Colter to approve the payment of claims (expenditures) for December 2018. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**c. Alternative Authorization Approval-Action Item**

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval for alternative authorization.

A motion was made by Secretary Eschief Murillo and seconded by Board Director Covington that Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy Administration and School Board declare the need to seek Alternative Elementary (K-8) certification for Jose A. Mendez. CTEA was unable to find an already certified teacher for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2018-2019 school year therefore, the Board of Directors approves Jose A. Mendez to seek alternative authorization for certification. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**HEAR OF FIRST READING-Action Item**

Recommendation: Administration recommends Board hear on first reading and accept the following as presented:

- 1) Articles of Incorporation
- 2) Bylaws
- 3) Policy 1500P Board Meeting Procedure
- 4) Policy 2435 Advanced Opportunities
- 5) Policy 5290 Political Activity
- 6) Policy 8600 Non Instructional Operations-Records Management
- 7) Policy 8605 Retention of Charter school Records

A motion was made by Secretary Eschief Murillo and seconded by Treasurer Colter to accept first reading of afore mentioned items one (1) through seven (7). The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

**REPORTS-Informational**

**a. Director of School Programs**

**b. Principal**

**a. IRI Pamphlet**

The informational reports will be presented during the next CTEA regular board meeting in February 2019. The IRI pamphlet was distributed for perusal at the Board of Directors convenience.

**NEWSLETTER-Informational**

The newsletter will be disseminated by email to all Board of Directors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-Informational**

There were no announcements for this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT-Action Item**

A motion was made by Treasurer Colter and seconded by Board Director Covington to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Chair Racehorse adjourned Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:33 P.M.

**Next Meeting**

- Date and Time: February 19, 2019 5:30 p.m.
- Location: 34 South Hiline Road, Room 1B

**Approved:** 

Submitted by:

*Velda Racehorse*

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Velda Racehorse, Chair  
Board of Directors

*Sherice Gould*

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Sherice Gould, Clerk  
Board of Directors