

TASUNKE WITKO OWAYAWA

Crazy Horse School

Board Members:

Francine Red Willow-President
Dawn Moves Camp-Vice President
Sue Yellow Elk-Member
Valerie Adams-Member
Carrie Sitting Up-Member

Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent

P.O. Box 260

245 Crazy Horse School Drive

Wanblee, South Dakota 57577

PHONE: (605) 462-6792 FAX: (605) 462-6510



Crazy Horse School Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Crazy Horse School Commons

Minutes

Roll Call

Francine Red Willow, President
Dawn Moves Camp, Vice-President
Sue Yellow Elk, Member
Valerie Adams, Member (Excused)
Carrie Sitting Up, Member

Staff

Margo Heinert, Superintendent
Leslie Cuny, Business Manager and HR Director
Lynette Kleppin-Recording Secretary –(Excused)
James Bagwell, MS/HS Principal
Amelia Black Bear, Elementary Principal
Deb Cross, Special Education Director
Jodi Stoddard, School Improvement Director (Excused)
Annie Janis, Project AWARE Coordinator
Agnes Randall, NASIS Coordinator

Other

Call to Order at 5:34 p.m.

Wocekiye'- James Bagwell

Wokasape'- Margo Heinert

Public Presentations: Staff from Cedar Tree Native Law presented information regarding the work being conducted by their law firm, including legal authority, conflict of interest, training for school board and community members, and other services that they provide.

Filipino staff members updated the Board regarding visa process changes that they are working on. School attorney will further research the visa waiver process and report their findings.

Director Reports:

James Bagwell, MS/HS Principal, shared information of upcoming events, including prom, testing dates, and field trips. He also updated everyone on attendance, graduation preparations, and status of college acceptance notices, and efforts being provided to ensure academic success for students. Improving attendance and making sure work is completed for this last quarter continue to be concerns that are being addressed.

Annie Janis/Jodi Stoddard, Grants and School Improvement provided information on the Project AWARE and NYCP grants as well as the various school improvement initiatives. Individual and group counseling services are being provided; Students are participating in various grant activities, including trips to Devil's Tower and Black Elk's Peak, working as teacher assistants, moccasin, concho belt and quilt making classes, Student Council and National Honor Society have also attended various youth conferences.

Amelia Black Bear, Elementary Principal, indicated there are 143 students in K-6 with a 77% attendance rate. Third quarter awards were given for A and B Honor Roll and Faithful and Perfect Attendance. Elementary staff are working closely with counselors, special education staff, and Project AWARE staff to provide educational plans for students who need extra assistance. Teachers are also providing extra tutoring time each afternoon.

Deb Cross, Special Education Director, Staff are conducting required IEP meetings and completing necessary reporting requirements. Many of the staff attended the SD Special Education Conference in March, 5 students are enrolled in Voc. Rehab. Summer Project Skills and Autism Awareness preparations are being made for April.

Agnes Randall, NASIS Coordinator, shared information about the Native American Student Information System. This is the system the school uses to track attendance, grades, and enrollment of the students we serve. Student attendance and enrollment data for each grade level was given to the Board.

Action Items:

04-09-25-01 Motion by Carrie Second by Dawn to approve agenda.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

Public Presentations

Cedar Tree Indian Native Law

CHS Filipino Teachers

04-09-25-02 Motion by Carrie Second by Dawn to approve all Director reports.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-03 Motion by Carrie Second by Dawn to approve out of state travel for eight students and three chaperones/driver to Battle of the Little Big Horn Reenactment, Little Big Horn River, Garryowen, MT, June 20-22, 2025.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-04 Motion by Carrie Second by Dawn to approve Waylon Gaddie, Robert Two Crow, Kellie Albers, Monica Rattling Hawk, Ethlene Two Dogs, Abeline Runels, Lake DuBray, Gerry Runnels, Tryshawn Spoon Hunter, Frances Bettelyoun and Julius Not Afraid as consultants for Project AWARE activities.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow

04-09-25-05 Motion by Carrie Second by Dawn to authorize school attorney to research visa waiver and application process for the Filipino teachers and report to the Board and the teachers as soon as possible regarding what assistance the school can provide.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-05 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to enter Executive Session for legal advice and personnel.

Enter 7:27 p.m. Adjourn 9:20 p.m.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-06 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to adjourn from Executive Session.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-07 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to add a presentation concerning visa status by the Filipino staff members to the agenda.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-08 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to invite Agnes Randall to attend OLNEC meetings and include regular NASIS monthly reports for regular board meetings.

Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-09 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to accept the resignation of Ms. Jodi Stoddard as School Improvement Director effective June 30, 2025.

Sitting Up yes Yellow Elk yes Adams Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-10 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to reassign Ms. Annie Janis from Project AWARE Coordinator to Project AWARE Director and Ms. Maiden Carnes from NYCP Coordinator to NYCP Director.

Sitting Up yes Yellow Elk yes Adams Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-11 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to transfer Ms. Monica Young from Elementary Lakota Teacher to Project AWARE Cultural Mentor to include Elementary Lakota Language classes.
Sitting Up yes Yellow Elk yes Adams Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-12 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to transfer Ms. Caroline Bettelyoun from Middle School Language Arts Teacher to Grade 6 Elementary teacher.
Sitting Up yes Yellow Elk yes Adams Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-13 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to approve a hiring freeze in all programs except for Special Education teacher, Special Education paraprofessional, Elementary teacher, and K-12 PE teacher until further notice
Sitting Up yes Yellow Elk yes Adams Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

04-09-25-14 Motion by Dawn Second by Carrie to adjourn at 9:38 pm.
Sitting Up yes Adams Yellow Elk yes Moves Camp yes Red Willow yes

Francine Red Willow, President

Margo Heinert, Recording Secretary