

**Minutes**  
**NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**  
**(NATIVE)**

**Regular Governing Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014**

**Governing Board Room, Ganado Unified School District, Ganado, Arizona**  
**(Teleconference was enabled for Board and Public Participation)**

**Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 10:14 AM by Shannon Tooke, President

Present – Governing Board: Shannon Tooke, Tuba City Unified School District  
Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District  
Curtis Berry, Ganado Unified School  
Lavina Smith, Kayenta Unified School District (*teleconference*)  
Wallace Todacheeny, Red Mesa Unified School District

Absent – Governing Board: Theodore Allen, Chinle Unified School District  
Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District  
Mary Tom, Pinon Unified School District

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Tooke led the Pledge of Allegiance for Board members and attendees. Two students from Ganado High School led the Pledge of Allegiance for the Board members and attendees in Navajo.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Ganado Unified School District Superintendent William Allsbrooks welcomed NATIVE Board members and attendees.

4. Citizens Present

In addition to the five Governing Board members, the NATIVE Interim Superintendent, the NATIVE Secretary, the NATIVE Business Manager, the NATIVE CTE Coordinator, 5 site CTE Directors, and one staff member, for a total of 15, were in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Interim Superintendent Tsosie presented and recommended approval of the agenda.

*Motion to approve the agenda, as presented and recommended by Interim Superintendent Tsosie, and move 9.1 NATIVE Governing Board Resolution-Chinle Unified School District-Declaration of Vacancy to the beginning of the meeting, was made by Margaret Yazzie, seconded by Curtis Berry. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.*

Call to the Public: None

9.1 NATIVE Governing Board Resolution–Chinle Unified School District–Declaration of Vacancy

Interim Superintendent Tsosie presented the information necessary to declare a vacancy in accordance to the Arizona Revised Statutes 38-291 and the NATIVE Board policy BBBB. Additionally, this recommendation to declare a vacancy was made with the guidance of R. Barry Williams, Apache County School Superintendent, and NATIVE legal counsel, Mangum, Wall, Stoops, Warden P.L.L.C. Mr. Anthony W. Contente-Cuomo from Mangum, Wall, Stoops, Warden P.L.L.C was present to address any questions Board members may have relating to this item. Board member Todacheeny inquired whether the correct process was taken to declare a vacancy and in the future to keep fellow Board members more informed. Interim Superintendent Tsosie reviewed the process taken to ensure the Board members of the process and to keep Board members informed. Board member Yazzie and Board member Curtis expressed their concern for the

students who are not being represented at the meetings. A member of the audience inquired as to the process that occurs when there is a Board seat vacant in the middle of the term. Interim Superintendent Tsosie addressed his concern and the process that follows a vacancy.

*Motion to approve 9.1 NATIVE Governing Board Resolution-Chinle Unified School District-Declaration of Vacancy, as presented and recommended by Interim Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Curtis Berry, seconded by Margaret Yazzie. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. The motion carried.*

## 6. Presentations and Reports

6.1. Interim Superintendent's Report, included in the Board Agenda Packet DVD, and was summarized by Interim Superintendent Tsosie who referenced the NATIVE District status, NATIVE Central Campus status, Hospitality Hogan Project Update, E-Rate Update, and Interim Superintendent's calendar for December, 2013 and proposed calendar for January, 2014.

Board member Yazzie inquired about the status on the SkillsNATIVE competition. Members of the planning committee addressed her question and elaborated on the plans for this competition. Board member Yazzie expressed her concern about substitute teachers in the CTE program on long-term basis. Board member Berry inquired about the culinary and hospitality program at the central campus. Interim Superintendent Tsosie informed the Board that a decision would have to be made should and possibly when E-Rate is denied. This decision will need to be made after all information has been collected and presented to the Board.

*Motion to approve the Interim Superintendent's Report, as presented and recommended by Interim Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Wallace Todacheeny, seconded by Margaret Yazzie. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.*

6.2. NATIVE CTE Coordinator's Report

CTE Coordinator's Report, included in the Board Agenda Packet DVD, and was summarized by the CTE Coordinator Yazzie who referenced the NATIVE District, Skills NATIVE 2014, and CTE Coordinator's calendar for December, 2013 and proposed calendar for January, 2014.

6.3. Site CTE Director's Reports

Doris Nelson, Ganado CTE Director, passed the floor to Mr. Chee, construction /welding teacher at Ganado High School, and Dominique Kee and Korey Curtis, 2 students of Ganado High School.

6.4. Board

6.4.1. Travel Reports

6.4.1.1. Board member Yazzie reported on her attendance to the National Indian Education Association Convention from October 30-November 2, 2013 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

6.4.1.2. Board member Berry reported on his attendance to the ASBA/ASA 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference from December 11-13, 2013 in Phoenix.

6.4.2. Upcoming Travel

Board President Tooke presented the upcoming Board travel and advised Board members to contact Board secretary to request Board travel if interested in attending the Board Operations and Leadership Training Seminar (BOLTS), SkillsNATIVE 2014, Spring Legal Seminar, and the NSBA 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

6.4.3. Financial Report

Geri Begay, Business Manager, presented the 2014 monthly financial reports including cash balance, revenue, monthly Board report, and site reports. All financial records have been reconciled with county school superintendent's and county treasurer's offices. All expenditures are well within the budget. Business Manager Begay informed the Board the cash balance shown reflects recent funding received from the State. Interim Superintendent Tsosie recommended approval of presented financial reports. Additional, Business Manager Begay informed the Board with the dates of the audit for FY13 business records.

*Motion to approve the financial report as presented by Geri Begay and recommended by Interim Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Margaret Yazzie, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.*

## 7. Consent Agenda

Interim Superintendent Tsosie recommended approval of consent agenda. Interim Superintendent Tsosie read the consent agenda items

7.1. Minutes of the NATIVE Special Governing Board meeting on December 16, 2013 and Governing Board meeting on December 18, 2013.

7.2. FY14 budget request for Window Rock (7.2.1).

7.3. FY14 travel expense claim for Wallace Todacheeny for attending the Special Board meeting on December 16, 2013, Central Campus, Kayenta AZ.

7.4. Expenditures for meal purchases.

7.5. Accounts payable vouchers #1417, #1418, #1419, #1420 and payroll vouchers #14.

*Motion to approve consent agenda items 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, and 7.5, as presented and recommended by Interim Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Lavina Smith, seconded by Margaret Yazzie. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. The motion carried.*

## 8. Unfinished Business

8.1. Executive Session for Evaluation of the Interim Superintendent. The Governing Board may vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-43101 (A) (1) for evaluation for the Interim Superintendent

*Motion to enter executive session was made by Curtis Berry, seconded by Margaret Yazzie. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.*

The Board entered executive session.

*Motion to exit executive session was made by Curtis Berry, seconded by Margaret Yazzie. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.*

## 9. New Business

9.1. NATIVE Governing Board Resolution—Chinle Unified School District—Declaration of Vacancy  
This item was motioned and approved to be addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

9.2. NATIVE Governing Board Reorganization Election (**Policy BDA**)

9.2.1. *Motion to nominate Shannon Tooke as NATIVE Board President was made by Curtis Berry, seconded by Lavina Smith. Board President Tooke accepted the nomination.*

*Motion to approve Shannon Tooke as the NATIVE Board President was made by Curtis Berry, seconded by Lavina Smith. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.*

9.2.2. *Motion to nominate Curtis Berry as the NATIVE Vice President was made by Wallace Todacheeny, seconded by Lavina Smith. Board member Berry accepted the nomination.*

*Motion to approve Curtis Berry as the NATIVE Board Vice President was made by Wallace Todacheeny, seconded by Lavina Smith. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.*

## 10. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Board member Berry is requesting to attend a conference in March 2014 (conference name unknown but forthcoming). Board President Tooke is requesting for an update on the Hospitality Hogan regarding the solar. Board member Berry wanted to clear up any misunderstanding regarding the CTE Directors' report

being done monthly to only the hosting schools to do their presentations and would like to address this at the next meeting. Report on the Lab Safety and Management Workshop on January 22, 2014.

11. Announcements

CTE Director, Doris Nelson, announced the etiquette workshop scheduled at the Twin Arrows Casino and everyone is invited to attend.

12. The next regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 10:00 AM at Chinle Unified School District, Chinle, AZ.

13. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn the Board meeting was made by Wallace Todacheeny, seconded by Curtis Berry. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.*

*Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.*

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014  
Northeast Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education



By Ron Tsosie, Interim Superintendent