

Minutes
NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION (NATIVE)
Governing Board Retreat
Monday, July 9, 2012
PST Classroom No. 29, NATIVE District Central Campus, Kayenta, AZ

Day one of the retreat was called to order at 3:15 PM (MDST) by Superintendent Leshner. She welcomed the attendees.

Present – Two Board members Todacheeny and Smith were in attendance for the afternoon retreat.

In addition to the two Governing Board Members, the NATIVE Superintendent, the NATIVE Central Campus Principal, the NATIVE Secretary, the NATIVE Business Manager, the NATIVE CTE Coordinator, and the NATIVE attorney for a total of 8, were in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

Attorney Franklin Hoover presented a concise power point presentation about “Board Meeting Do’s and Don’ts” and “Legal Issues for Board Members”. Hard copies of the presentations were given to attendees.

Business Manager Waite presented an overview of future financial predictions reflecting NATIVE enrollment decrease. Hard copies of financial information were given to attendees. Superintendent Leshner emphasized that the decreased enrollment both from the removal of 9th grade and the reduction in 10th through 12th grade CTE students will have a significant impact on site funding allocation in FY13. They should expect around a 30% reduction from the FY13 allocations. In addition, Business Manager Waite explained the status of each fund listed on the cash balances report.

Hard copies of retreat information presented were included in each Board member’s packet.
Day One of Retreat ended at 5:25 PM

Governing Board Retreat
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
PST Classroom No. 29, NATIVE District Central Campus, Kayenta, AZ

The retreat was called to order at 8:45 AM (MDST) by Margaret Yazzie, Board President

Present – Governing Board: Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District
Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District
Theodore Allen, Chinle Unified School District
Lavina Smith, Kayenta Unified School District
Wallace Todacheeny, Red Mesa Unified School District

Absent – Governing Board: Ambrose Shepherd, Ganado Unified School District
Mary Tom, Pinon Unified School District
Shannon Tooke, Tuba City Unified School District

Superintendent Leshner welcomed the NATIVE Board and thanked everyone for their attendance. Superintendent Leshner presented the retreat agenda.

In addition to the five Governing Board Members, the NATIVE Superintendent, the NATIVE Central Campus Principal, the NATIVE CTE Coordinator, the NATIVE Secretary, the NATIVE Business Manager, one Arizona Department of Education CTE Professional via video conference, the NATIVE Lobbyist, one NATIVE Solar Energy Project Professional, and four educational entities Professionals, for a total of 17, were in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

Dr. Marv Lamer, Arizona Department of Education Associate Deputy of Highly Effective Schools addressed the NATIVE Board via video conference to discuss the outlook on Indian Education and Joint Technical Education Districts. Dr. Lamer encouraged the NATIVE Board to continue their efforts on behalf of the NATIVE students. Dr. Lamer advised that Arizona Superintendent of Schools Huppenthal is 100% Career and Technical Education driven. Dr. Lamer indicated that he will make time to meet with NATIVE during ACTEAZ Summer Conference in Tucson to discuss Board issues in depth.

Ron Lee, NATIVE Lobbyist and Government/Legislative liaison, provided information and background on funding direction. Mr. Lee shared his political insight on both the US and Arizona house, senate, and party differences that influences education funds. Mr. Lee advised that Board members directly contact legislatures to continue to support the NATIVE central campus construction.

Lunch was served.

Ron Tsosie, Central Campus Principal, presented on the Central Campus programs which consist of Graphic Communications, Nursing Services, Hospitality Management, Culinary Arts, and Electrical & Power Transmission Technology. Principal Tsosie provided a power point, and disseminated hard copies of the power point presentation. He reported on the program delivery model, the anticipated enrollment, the master schedule, and the Central Campus facilities.

Brett Isaac, a solar energy professional representing Shonto Community Development, presented to the NATIVE Board on the solar installation on the Central Campus. Mr. Isaac updated the NATIVE Board on the installation of solar panels, and the battery backup system. He advised the Board that NATIVE Central Campus is the very first building to be built internationally utilizing the International Green Code. Mr. Isaac spoke in depth about Solar Energy panels installed at the NATIVE District. The meeting attendees were given a roof view tour of the roof mount solar panels installed on top of Building B, Phase 1 of the Central Campus via a lift that Mr. Isaac had available to attendees.

Before the panel discussion began, Dr. Maggie George, Dine College President, Rebecca Benally, Dine College Vice President, Jerry Manuelito, Navajo Technical College Student Recruitment, Timothy Benally, Navajo Nation Assistant Superintendent of Schools presented to the NATIVE Board direct information about their organizations and the type of services their organizations can provide to NATIVE.

A panel discussion followed with panel members including educational leaders Dr. Maggie George and Rebecca Benally of Dine College, Jerry Manuelito of Navajo Technical College, Timothy Benally of the Navajo Nation, the NATIVE Board members, the NATIVE Administration, the NATIVE Lobbyist, and other meeting attendees interacted with the panelists with positive comments and questions. The panel discussion focused on working together with NATIVE so that students benefit from services. Speakers discussed their educational history and spoke of the Navajo history of education. All parties consented that all entities are tied together and believe entities should unify and provide for the benefit of the students. Additional comments were delivered that directed future meetings to begin dual credit enrollment with Dine College.

A retreat dinner was provided for all of afternoon attendees. The dinner was held away from the NATIVE District Central Campus, at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant, Kayenta.

The retreat adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2012
Northeast Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education

By



Karen Leshner, Superintendent