

Minutes
NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
(NATIVE)
Regular Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2011
High School Library, Window Rock USD, Fort Defiance, AZ

Meeting

Board member Yazzie motioned to have Board member Shepherd preside over the meeting, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny.

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

1. The regular meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM by Ambrose Shepherd, President Pro Tem
Present – Governing Board: Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District (*arrived at 11:05*)
Theodore Allen, Chinle Unified School District
Ambrose Shepherd, Ganado Unified School District
Wallace Todacheeny, Red Mesa Unified School District
Mary Tom, Pinon Unified School District
Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District
Absent – Governing Board: Lavina Smith, Kayenta Unified School District
Shannon Tooke, Tuba City Unified School District
 2. President Pro Tem Shepherd led the Pledge of Allegiance for Board Members and attendees.
 3. Damien Abplanalp, Window Rock HS CTE Director, welcomed NATIVE Board Members and meeting attendees.
 4. In addition to the six Governing Board Members, the NATIVE Superintendent, the NATIVE Secretary, the NATIVE Business Manager, the NATIVE CTE Coordinator, 3 NATIVE site CTE Directors, 2 NATIVE site CTE secretaries, 2 NATIVE site CTE teachers, 3 NATIVE site CTE students, 1 NATIVE partner representative (Walter Begay), and 3 NATIVE site community members, for a total of 24, were in attendance for all or part of the meeting
 5. Superintendent Leshner recommended that the agenda be approved. Margaret Yazzie motioned to approve agenda as recommended by Superintendent Leshner, seconded by Mary Tom.
- Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. The motion carried.

Call to the Public: None

6. Presentations and Reports:
 - 6.1. The Superintendent's Report, included in the Board Agenda Packet DVD, was summarized by Superintendent Leshner. NATIVE has attendance files from all sites except Tuba City HS. They continue to struggle with technology issues, and expect their ADM/ADA reports to be submitted this month. A table on NATIVE District declining enrollment and trends was reviewed. Superintendent Leshner reported on her attendance to the ASBA Winter Conference, JTED Workshop with NATIVE presentation, and the JSA meeting. The NATIVE presentation on Video Conference Distance Learning (VCDL) was attended by Arizona Representative Doris Goodale, who requested NATIVE present on its VCDL to the House Education Committee. The central campus construction process was reviewed. Subcontractor bids for Phase One with two alternates were due January 6 to FCI Constructors. Final review and approval from the NATIVE Board will be considered during the February Board meeting. In order to build recognition with the Navajo Nation Government, NATIVE lobbyist Ron Lee suggested that NATIVE sponsor a luncheon with a presentation in the spring for the new Navajo Nation 24 member council; details are included in the Board DVD. The results of Governing Board self evaluation are included in the Board DVD. The Superintendent's evaluation was rescheduled for today's meeting. The Superintendent's calendar for January—March 2011 is included.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's report was made by Mary Tom, seconded by Margaret Yazzie.

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

6.2. Board

6.2.1. Travel Reports

6.2.1.1. Board member Kirk reported on his attendance to the ASBA/ASA Annual Winter Conference, December 15-17, 2010, Phoenix. Board member Kirk reported that he attended the JTED workshop where Superintendent Leshner presented on NATIVE Video Conference Distance Learning. Board member Todacheeny reported on his attendance to the AASBO-ASA-ASBA Legislative Workshop and ASBA/ASA Annual Winter Conference, December 14-16, 2010, Phoenix. Board member Todacheeny reported that the conference was legislatively informative in regards to State education budget cuts and found the conference beneficial to attend.

6.2.2. Upcoming Travel

Superintendent Leshner presented the upcoming Board travel and advised Board members to contact Board secretary to confirm Board travel. Board members in attendance with available travel fund balances expressed their interest in attending the ASBA B.O.L.T.S., ASBA Spring Legal Seminar, and Microcomputers in Education Conference. Board travel policy allows for travel reimbursement for Board members with a positive travel budget balance.

6.3. Site Presentation

The Window Rock High School student DECA club presented a slideshow and verbally reported on their trip to Washington DC. The Career Technical Education (CTE) students competed in their contest areas, and were able to visit regional attractions during their trip. The CTE students expressed their gratitude to the NATIVE district for their support. In attendance was Window Rock HS Principal Monroe, CTE teachers Harvey and Martinez. Board members Yazzie, Shepherd, and Todacheeny commended the students for their efforts.

6.4. Financial Report

After a point of order by Board member Allen, Board Vice President Kirk assumed control of the meeting. Business Manager Waite presented the 2010/2011 monthly financial reports that included 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. Concerns about district financial stability expressed by Board member Allen were addressed by Business Manager Waite and Superintendent Leshner. A special meeting was recommended for prompt review and encumbrance of the construction cost. The presented financial report concurs with the presented revised budget.

Motion to approve the Financial report was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny.

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

Lunch was served during the meeting.

7. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Leshner recommended approval of consent agenda items. Board Vice President Kirk read the consent agenda into the minutes:

7.1. Minutes of the NATIVE Governing Board meeting on December 8, 2010.

7.2. FY11 budget request for Red Mesa HS and Valley (Sanders) HS.

7.3. Resignation of NATIVE Clerk Annette McCabe-Begay effective December 6, 2010.

7.4. Expenditures for meeting meal services.

7.5. Accounts payable vouchers #1019, #1020, #1021, #1022, #1023 and payroll vouchers #112, #113.

Motion to approve consent agenda items was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Margaret Yazzie.

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

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. NATIVE Board Reorganization Election

8.1.1. Motion to nominate Eugene Kirk as NATIVE Board President was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny. Board member Kirk accepted the nomination. Motion to nominate Ambrose Shepherd as NATIVE Board President was made by Margaret Yazzie, seconded by Mary Tom. Board member Shepherd accepted the

nomination. Motion to approve to close nominations was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny.

A public vote with 3 in favor of Eugene Kirk, and 3 in favor of Ambrose Shepherd for the NATIVE Board President was conducted. Ambrose Shepherd withdrew from the election in favor of Eugene Kirk.

Vote: 4 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried in favor of Eugene Kirk as Board President.

8.1.2. Motion to nominate Margaret Yazzie as NATIVE Vice President was made by Theodore Yazzie, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny. Board member Yazzie accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed.

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried in favor of Margaret Yazzie as Vice-President. President Kirk began presiding over the meeting.

8.2. Motion to defer the executive session to conduct Superintendent's evaluation to the next meeting was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Margaret Yazzie.

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

9. New Business

9.1. Superintendent Leshar presented information on a "Navajo Nation Council Delegates' Luncheon and Presentation" on April 18, 2011. Superintendent Leshar recommended approval of "Navajo Nation Council Delegates' Luncheon and Presentation" on April 18, 2011, and to approve luncheon meeting as Board travel.

Motion to approve to delay the "Navajo Nation Council Delegates' Luncheon and Presentation" on April 18, 2011, as it is premature was made by Ambrose Shepherd, seconded by Theodore Allen. Board Vice-President Yazzie disagreed, and recognized the proposed "Navajo Nation Council Delegates' Luncheon and Presentation" on April 18, 2011 as an introduction of NATIVE District. Board member Shepherd and Allen withdrew their motion.

Motion to approve "Navajo Nation Council Delegates' Luncheon and Presentation" on April 18, 2011, and to approve meeting as Board travel as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Ambrose Shepherd.

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

9.2. Superintendent Leshar presented information on and recommended approval of a NATIVE Education Foundation and authorization of Superintendent to proceed with set up and implementation.

Motion to approve NATIVE Education Foundation and direct Superintendent to proceed with set up and implementation as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Ambrose Shepherd, seconded by Theodore Allen.

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

10. Next Meeting and Work Session Agenda Items: Superintendent's evaluation.

11. Announcements: None

12. The next regular Board meeting and work session are scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 10:00 AM at Chinle USD.

13. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny 12:46 PM.

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

Dated this 18th day of January, 2011

Northeast Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education

By



Karen Leshar, Superintendent