

Minutes
NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
(NATIVE)
Regular Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2011
Monument Valley High School Agri-science Center, Kayenta USD, Kayenta, AZ

Public Hearing

- A. The public hearing was called to order at 10:32 AM by NATIVE Board President Eugene Kirk, who turned the public hearing over to NATIVE Business Manager Charles Waite.
- B. Mr. Waite told the public hearing attendees that the presented budget was first presented on June 8, 2011. The purpose of the public hearing is to give the public the opportunity to discuss the proposed budget which is based on a student count of 736. Depending on the Arizona Department of Education final student count report which may be higher and the possible elimination of the 9th grade from the FY12 student count, the NATIVE budget may need to be revised. The public hearing and proposed budget were posted and advertised on the Arizona Department of Education website as legally required.
- C. The public was invited to ask questions about the NATIVE FY12 Expenditure Budget. No inquiries were made.
- D. President Kirk adjourned the public hearing at 10:40 AM.

Meeting

- 1. The regular meeting was called to order at 10:41 AM by Eugene Kirk, President
Present – Governing Board: Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District
Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District
Theodore Allen, Chinle Unified School District
Lavina Smith, Kayenta Unified School District
Wallace Todacheeny, Red Mesa Unified School District
Mary Tom, Pinon Unified School District
Absent – Governing Board: Ambrose Shepherd, Ganado Unified School District
Shannon Tooke, Tuba City Unified School District
 - 2. President Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance for Board Members and attendees.
 - 3. Clyde McBride, Monument Valley HS CTE Director welcomed NATIVE Board Members and meeting attendees. CTE Director McBride summarized the CTE offerings at Monument Valley HS. Summer activities included agriculture animal surgeries and vaccinations, including bucking bulls, welding shop remodeling, installation of COPE center artificial turf, moving CTE classrooms to provide better CTE offerings, and national Monument Valley HS FFA recognition through a RFD television segment.
 - 4. In addition to the six Governing Board Members, the NATIVE Superintendent, the NATIVE Business Manager, the NATIVE CTE Coordinator, NATIVE Clerk, NATIVE governmental affairs liaison, NATIVE Facility Manager, 5 NATIVE site CTE Directors, 2 NATIVE site CTE teachers, and 3 NATIVE site CTE students, for a total of 22, were in attendance for all or part of the meeting
 - 5. Superintendent Leshner recommended that the agenda be approved. Lavina Smith motioned to approve agenda as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshner, seconded by Margaret Yazzie.
- Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 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. Superintendent Leshner reported that ADE recently aggregated SAIS attendance files and NATIVE stands with 783.56 at .25 FTE per student, an increase over the last aggregation. This number includes 154.56 ninth graders, which may be deducted by ADE from the final count for budget. The Bond election status was highlighted and will be considered later in the agenda. Dr. Marv Lamer was hired by Arizona Department of Education as the Associate Superintendent for Highly Effective Schools, Arizona Department of Education. A former JTED Superintendent, Dr. Lamer will provide oversight to the CTE Department. JTED lobbyists continue to protect JTED interests through lobbying and active contact with state legislators as presented in the Board DVD packet. Initial NATIVE central campus grand opening plans were discussed and need to be finalized by the NATIVE administration and Board. The Superintendent's accountability calendar for June, 2011, and Superintendent's July calendar were presented. As part of the Superintendent's report, NATIVE Governmental Affairs liaison Ron Lee reported on the NATIVE District travel to Washington DC. Board members and administration met with USDA, Department of Labor, several staff members from offices of Senator McCain, Congressman Kildee, Congressman Udall, Senator Kyl, Congressman Gosar, and met with administrators at NIEA. Mr. Lee thanked the NATIVE Board for his involvement with NATIVE, as well as how valuable the NATIVE central campus will be to Navajo students. NATIVE built a good relationship with Mr. Randall Simmons of the Washington DC Navajo Nation office, who assisted in setting the meeting appointments. The NATIVE project and benefits were well accepted, positive, and received great responses. Program funding is available through congressional programs, but capital construction funding is doubtful at this time. NATIVE needs to align its objectives with available funding and should continue building relationships with Washington DC offices to build visibility and support. Board member Allen shared his thoughts on the questionable value of the trip and on Ron Lee's verbal report on the Washington D.C. NATIVE trip, preferring the report to be written.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's report as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshner was made by Lavina Smith, 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 Todacheeny reported his attendance to the ASBA Legal Seminar, March 11, 2011, was very brief as he had to leave immediately after hotel check-in for urgent family matters.
- 6.2.1.2. Board President Kirk reported on his attendance to the ASBA Delegate Assembly, June 24-26, 2011. Board President Kirk served as the NATIVE delegate at the Delegate Assembly. Board President Kirk explained the delegate assembly's tedious process. The NATIVE proposal requesting an annual review of state government travel rates was unanimously passed with no questions. He reported on the Navajo Nation's limited control over state governing school boards. He also recognized that school boards should review the proposals at their local levels prior to the Delegate Assembly, but understands the concerns that deal with state politics. Board Vice President Yazzie reported on her attendance to the ASBA Delegate Assembly, June 24-26, 2011. She was disappointed by the lack of support for the Pinon USD school board proposal to make test schedule allowances for bad weather conditions during the state scheduled time of the state AIMS testing. Vice President Yazzie thoroughly enjoyed the Delegate Assembly.
- 6.2.1.3. Board President Kirk reported on his attendance to the Washington DC meetings, June 27-30, 2011. President Kirk reiterated that the Washington DC travel was not a vacation, but was non-stop, directed work. The NATIVE delegation was focused on their mission and had two full days of meetings with potential funders. Travel attendees had the opportunity to represent NATIVE's voice regarding the NATIVE Central Campus project. Based on information given, advice was given by Congressional and agency personnel as to what specific funding sources are available for the NATIVE project. More importantly, the meetings inspired continuation with the NATIVE Central Campus

project. Appreciation to Washington DC meetings attendees should be given for their hard work and dedication to purpose. President Kirk commended the NATIVE staff and Ron Lee for their efforts on behalf of the NATIVE Central Campus project. Board Vice President Yazzie reported on her attendance to the Washington DC meetings, June 27-30, 2011. Board Vice President Yazzie, who considered the meetings very productive, reported the travel provided recognition for NATIVE while advocating for the NATIVE Central Campus project. Vice President Yazzie told the Board and meeting attendees that she met Notah Begay's mother who works for a national juvenile department who shared her insight of available funding through her agency.

6.2.2. Upcoming Travel

Superintendent Leshar presented the upcoming Board travel and advised Board members to contact Board secretary to request Board travel, if interested, to ASBA Summer Leadership, July 28-30, 2011, Flagstaff.

6.3. Site Presentation

Elisa McBride, Monument Valley HS agri-science teacher summarized the success of the Monument Valley HS summer camp, and regional, state, and national recognition of the Monument Valley HS's FFA Chapter. Three summer camp students from Monument Valley HS presented on the camp. Board President Kirk indicated that preservation of culture and language are a part of NATIVE's vision. Board member Todacheeny commented on the use of the Navajo language during the student reports.

6.4. Financial Report

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. Business Manager Waite reviewed the rollovers of the State's equalization funds to balance the State's budget. Superintendent Leshar recommended approval of presented financial report. Board member Allen inquired about FY11 unexpended funds, and would like to see them applied to construction costs. Business Manager Waite addressed Board member Allen's inquiry.

Motion to approve the Financial report as presented by Business Manager Waite, and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Lavina Smith, seconded by Margaret Yazzie.

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

7. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Leshar recommended approval of consent agenda items. Superintendent Leshar read the consent agenda items into the minutes:

- 7.1. Minutes of the NATIVE Governing Board meeting on June 8, 2011, and the NATIVE Governing Board retreat on June 8-10, 2011.
- 7.2. Contract renewal with Verde Consulting SAIS attendance reporting.
- 7.3. Windsor Management Group as sole source for Infinite VISIONS fund accounting software.
- 7.4. Superintendent Leshar and CTE Coordinator Gilmore as evaluators for FY11/12.
- 7.5. Expenditures for meal services.
- 7.6. Accounts payable vouchers #1043, #1044, #1045, #1046, #1047, payroll vouchers #127, #128, #129.

Motion to approve consent agenda items as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Margaret Yazzie, seconded by Lavina Smith.

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

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. Superintendent Leshar and Business Manager Waite presented information on the County costs to hold the Bond election during an off election year, and asked the Board to reconsider the Bond Election Resolution. Business Manager Waite reviewed the timeline, estimated involved costs, and told the Board it was not an efficient use of taxpayers money. Superintendent Leshar advised that the Bond election costs would exceed its value. Both Superintendent Leshar and Business Manager Waite recommended rescinding the Bond Election Resolution.

Motion to approve to rescind Bond Election Resolution as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Lavina Smith, seconded by Margaret Yazzie.

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

9. New Business

9.1. Business Manager Waite recommended adoption of the FY11/12 Expenditure Budget as presented during the Public Hearing. Superintendent Leshar recommended approval of adoption of the FY11/12 Expenditure Budget.

Motion to adopt FY12 Proposed Expenditure Budget as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Lavina Smith, seconded by Margaret Yazzie.

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

9.2. Superintendent Leshar presented certification of projected ending FY11 Cash Balance. The certification is required by the Navajo County, which is then sent to the Arizona tax council. Business Manager Waite assured the Board that the cash balance is a best estimate of ending cash balance. Superintendent Leshar recommended approval of certification of projected ending FY11 Cash Balance as presented.

Motion to approve certification of projected ending FY11 Cash Balance as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Lavina Smith, seconded by Margaret Yazzie.

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

9.3. Superintendent Leshar presented FY12 site and central campus CTE programs and the addition of first year programs at the new site of Red Valley/Cove High School, Red Mesa USD. The programs and locations included in the Board packet were reviewed. Superintendent Leshar recommended approval of the presented FY12 site, including Red Valley/Cove High School, and central campus CTE programs.

Motion to approve FY12 site and central campus CTE Programs, including the addition of Red Valley/Cove High School site, as presented by Superintendent Leshar, was made by Wallace Todacheeny, seconded by Lavina Smith.

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

9.4. Superintendent Leshar presented NATIVE as a subgrantee with Utah Valley University Community Based Job Training Partnership (CBJT) Grant. Board member Allen inquired about costs and students served. Both Superintendent Leshar and CTE Coordinator Gilmore addressed Board member Allen's concern. Business Manager Waite concurred with presented information. Superintendent Leshar recommended approval of NATIVE as a subgrantee with Utah Valley University Community Based Job Training Partnership (CBJT) Grant.

Motion to approve NATIVE as a subgrantee with Utah Valley University Community Based Job Training Partnership (CBJT) Grant, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Lavina Smith.

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

9.5. Superintendent Leshar presented the Regional Training and Program Coordinator and CPI/CTE Instructor job description. Superintendent Leshar recommended approval of the Regional Training and Program Coordinator and CPI/CTE Instructor job description.

Motion to approve the Regional Training and Program Coordinator and CPI/CTE Instructor presented and recommended by Superintendent Leshar was made by Lavina Smith, seconded by Theodore Allen.

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

10. Next Meeting Agenda Items: None. Superintendent Leshar verified that requested agenda items are considered by Board President and Superintendent prior to placing it on the agenda.

11. Announcements: None.

12. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at 10:00 AM at Red Valley/Cove High School High School, Red Mesa USD.


13. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Margaret Yazzie at 1:30 PM.

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

Lunch was served.

14. A tour was given of the NATIVE Central Campus Construction by Project Manager Tim O'Malley and NATIVE CTE Coordinator Frankie Gilmore. Mr. Philbert Tso, Kayenta Township Building Official, presented on the use of the Green Construction Code in the NATIVE Central Campus construction, making it the first building built under the Green Construction Code on the Navajo Nation.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2011
Northeast Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education

By 
Karen Lesher, Superintendent