

Minutes
NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION (NATIVE)
Governing Board Retreat
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
Tunatya Meeting Room No. 1, Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites, Tuba City, AZ

The retreat was called to order at 1:10 PM (MDST) by Eugene Kirk, Board President

Present – Governing Board: Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District
Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District
Ambrose Shepherd, Ganado Unified School District
Lavina Smith, Kayenta Unified School District
Wallace Todacheeny, Red Mesa Unified School District
Mary Tom, Pinon Unified School District
Shannon Tooke, Tuba City Unified School District

Absent – Governing Board: Theodore Allen, Chinle Unified School District

Superintendent Leshar welcomed the NATIVE Board and thanked everyone for their attendance. A luncheon was served to retreat attendees. Superintendent Leshar presented the retreat agenda. In addition to the seven Governing Board Members, the NATIVE Superintendent, the NATIVE Secretary, the NATIVE Business Manager, the NATIVE CTE Coordinator, and the NATIVE Project Manager, for a total of 12, were in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

Superintendent Leshar, CTE Coordinator Gilmore, and Project Manager Tim O'Malley presented the latest update on the NATIVE District Central Campus construction. Buildings A and B of phase one are being built. Funding for building C of phase one is being sought with the possibility of securing partial funding through a bond election. A slideshow was presented that showed pictures of the construction from the beginning to the present. A completion date of September 30, 2011 is projected.

Superintendent Leshar and CTE Coordinator Gilmore presented Central campus programs, and the rationale for determining Central Campus program inclusion. Superintendent Leshar presented immediate employment needs in order to begin school during the FY12 school year, as well as employment needs as each phase is completed.

Business Manager Waite and Superintendent Leshar presented a budget overview and the district plan on meeting expenditure needs. Expenditure challenges that NATIVE faces, and the shortfall of received state revenue which caused the NATIVE cash balance to decrease significantly were reviewed by participants. The FY12 proposed budget was addressed to determine the FY12 unrestricted capital carryover. FY12 site allocations will probably be reduced due to limited state revenue received in FY11. Building C of Phase 1 funding was addressed. Borrowing bond funds may add revenue for construction, but full costs are still unknown. The entire bonding process was explained by Business Manager Waite. Board members shared their views on how to restrict Board travel expenditures. Retreat attendees discussed ways to search for and secure grant funds.

It was announced that the location of the retreat for Thursday, June 9, 2011 was the Moenkopi Legacy Inn Complex Denny's Restaurant meeting room, available for public attendance. Signage was posted for the location.

A retreat dinner was served to retreat attendees. The retreat adjourned after dinner at 5:45 PM.

Governing Board Retreat
Thursday, June 9, 2011
Moenkopi Legacy Inn Complex Denny's Restaurant Meeting Room, Tuba City, AZ

The retreat was called to order at 8:45 PM (MDST) by Eugene Kirk, Board President
Present – Governing Board: Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District
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NATIVE counsel Franklin Hoover presented the legal statutes of the NATIVE Board travel policy and discussed violation consequences. NATIVE Board members in attendance discussed travel policy. Questions addressed included mileage claims, travel advances, sharing rides, and consequences of travel policy abuse. The technology usage agreement was reviewed by NATIVE counsel Franklin Hoover. Mr. Hoover recommended that Board issued laptops be used with extreme caution. After review of the technology usage agreement the NATIVE Board members in attendance signed the technology usage agreements.

Superintendent Leshar presented the review of District goals, mission, and vision. NATIVE Board members did not recommend any changes of the District goals, mission, and vision.

Superintendent Leshar presented the District goals for Superintendent performance pay. NATIVE Board members advised that the presented District goals for Superintendent performance pay were acceptable but may be reviewed and revised as requested by the Board.

A retreat lunch was served.

The technology plan was reviewed by Superintendent Leshar and Board members. Final review of recommended changes will be brought back to the NATIVE Board on or before April, 2012 Board meeting for approval. The current technology plan expires June 30, 2012. A Board and State approved technology plan is required to apply for e-rate funds.

Ron Lee, NATIVE Government and Legislative liaison, provided information on funding direction and background. Mr. Lee shared his political insight on both the US and Arizona house, senate, and party differences that influences education funds. Meeting attendees discussed NATIVE's challenges on eligibility for grant applications. NATIVE sought various grants through Navajo Nation, federal, and state funds and found limited positive outcome. Mr. Lee advised that letters of support from legislators, organizations, businesses, and individuals need to continue to support the NATIVE central campus construction. Mr. Lee and retreat attendees discussed effective strategies to approach funding opportunities.

The retreat adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Governing Board Retreat
Friday, June 10, 2011
Tunatya Meeting Room No. 1, Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites, Tuba City, AZ

The retreat was called to order at 8:30 AM (MDST) by Eugene Kirk, Board President

Present – Governing Board: Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District
Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District
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Superintendent Leshar and Board members summarized retreat presentations and voiced closing remarks on the value of the FY11 NATIVE retreat. Retreat attendees felt that from the retreat discussions and presentations, a consensus of the Board values emerged. It reminded the Board of the significance and importance of NATIVE District and its Board in a relaxed environment, and brought enlightenment, motivation, and appreciation.

The retreat adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2011
Northeast Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education

By 
Karen Leshar, Superintendent