

Minutes
NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
(NATIVE)
Special Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 30, 2009
District Office, NATIVE District, Kayenta, AZ

Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM by Board President Margaret Yazzie.
Present – Governing Board: Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District
Wallace Todacheeny, Red Mesa Unified School District
Theodore Allen, Chinle Unified School District
Ambrose Shepherd, Ganado Unified School District
Lavina Smith, Kayenta Unified School District
Mary Tom, Pinon Unified School District (*arrived 10:55 AM*)
Shannon Tooke, Tuba City Unified School District (*via teleconference at 11:02 AM*)

Absent – Governing Board: Eugene Kirk, Window Rock Unified School District
2. Board President Yazzie led the Pledge of Allegiance for the Board Members and attendees.
3. Karen Leshner, NATIVE District Superintendent welcomed NATIVE Board Members and meeting attendees.
4. In addition to the seven Governing Board Members, the NATIVE Superintendent, the NATIVE Secretary, the NATIVE Business Manager, and 4 outside entity representatives, for a total of 14, were in attendance for all or part of the meeting.
5. Superintendent Leshner recommended that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion to approve the meeting agenda to include agenda item 6.1. only was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny. Board President Yazzie advised she would like to keep the agenda as presented, but agreed to agenda items 6.1 and 7.2. as a compromise.
Motion to approve the meeting agenda items 6.1. and 7.2. was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Wallace Todacheeny. Board member Smith commented that Board members need to remember we are here for the students, and not for our benefit, and should not postpone agenda items. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.
Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
- 7.2. Superintendent Leshner recommended approval of FY10 budget requests from Red Mesa HS and Tuba City HS as presented in the Board CD.
Motion to approve FY10 budget requests from Red Mesa HS and Tuba City HS as recommended by Superintendent Leshner was made by Ambrose Shepherd, seconded by Theodore Allen. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote.
Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- 6.1. Superintendent Leshner announced that the architectural team is in attendance to provide the background on the design and the design process used in the development of the NATIVE central campus plan. Merwin Yellowhair, Arrowhead Engineering presented the cultural inspiration of the plan. Dean Schifferer, BCDM architect, presented on the progression of the design and how it evolved from Mr. Gilmore's first concept drawing to the current site layout and architectural drawings. Board member Shepherd inquired about getting advice from a traditional medicine man about the sand painting inspired sidewalk. Funds for construction, bonding, current expenditures, and hogan structure were discussed. Mr. Waite and Mr. Schifferer addressed concerns. Mr. Schifferer indicated that the Board's advice is respected.

Motion to approve drawings with ideas contributed today incorporated into the construction of central campus and continue to construction plan phase, with Board member Shepherd's involvement, was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Lavina Smith. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote. Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. The motion carried.

11. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Theodore Allen, seconded by Ambrose Shepherd at 12:30 PM. Board secretary recorded member votes with a roll call vote. Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2010

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By 

Karen Leshner, Superintendent