

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.

2251 Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona, 86025

Governing Board Member Present: Bill Jeffers, Ginny Handorf, E.L. Parsons and Daniel Peaches.

Staff Present: President, Dr. Jeanne Swarouth; Vice President, Blaine Hatch; Vice President, Mark Vest; Recording Secretary to the Board, Russell Dickerson.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chairman Jeffers called the special meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Request to Approve the 2010-2011 Property Tax Increase – Vice President Hatch

Mr. Hatch presented the staff recommendation to approve the 2010-2011 proposed primary property tax levy of \$11,975,227, the maximum allowable levy, derived from a rate of \$1.1308 per \$100 of net assessed valuation, a 0.4% decrease from the current year tax rate, as previously discussed in the study session and public hearing. Mr. Hatch noted that the college does not have any outstanding general obligation bonds and will not levy a secondary property tax. Ms. Handorf moved to approve the proposed 2010-2011 primary property tax increase as presented. Mr. Peaches seconded the motion. Mr. Parsons stated that he is not pleased with the increased budget in light of the current economic downturn and expressed concern for the burden shouldered by taxpayers who face layoffs and wage reductions. Mr. Parsons stated that he would, despite his absences during the budget development process, vote according to the wishes of the Board. In response, Chairman Jeffers commented that the Board and staff have been cautious with regard to spending college funds and will continue to conscientiously spend taxpayer money in the upcoming year. Chairman Jeffers added that funds included in the budget will not necessarily be spent as evidenced by current year expenditure reductions.

Roll call vote: Ms. Handorf, Chairman Jeffers, Mr. Parsons and Mr. Peaches voted to approve the 2010-2011 property tax increase as presented. Mr. Siquah was absent. *The motion to approve the 2010-2011 property tax increase passed by a margin of four votes to zero.*

Agenda Item 3: Request to Adopt the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget – Vice President Hatch

Mr. Hatch reported that the Board approved preliminary budget was posted and published according to statutory requirements and adjustments to the levy limit worksheet were incorporated into the budget being presented for final approval. Mr. Hatch reported that the budget document includes operational and staffing adjustments based upon the strategic plan, extensive involvement at the departmental and administrative levels, as well as discussions with the Board since the beginning of the calendar year. Mr. Hatch added that the presented budget revenues are based upon successful passage of Proposition 100 while expenditures are based upon the failure of the sales tax ballot initiative, allowing the college to move forward without further adjustments due to potential decreases in state aid. Mr. Hatch added that while similar in total amount to the current year, the proposed budget represents an approximate 10% reduction from the current year budget. Ms. Handorf moved that the Board adopt the 2010-2011 proposed budget as presented and discussed previously in the study session and public hearing. Mr. Peaches seconded the motion. Ms. Handorf expressed her appreciation to the people involved in the \$2.5 million expenditure reduction reflected in the 2010-2011 budget. Chairman Jeffers reiterated that during the budget publication period Mr. Hatch had not received any public comments regarding the proposed budget. *The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.*

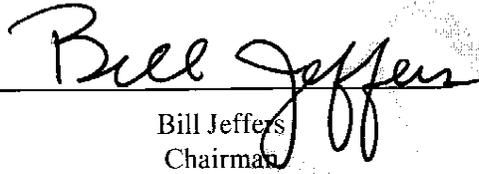


Agenda Item 4: Adjournment

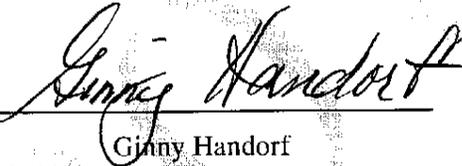
Ms. Handorf moved to adjourn the special meeting. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion to adjourn. *The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.*



Russell Dickerson
Recording Secretary to the Board



Bill Jeffers
Chairman



Ginny Handorf
Secretary to the Board

