

**NAVAJO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Location: District Office – Eagle’s Nest  
103 First Avenue at Hopi Drive  
Holbrook, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Peaches, Chairman  
Neal Thompson, Secretary  
Norris Baldwin  
Bill Jeffers

MEMBERS ABSENT Dr. Paul Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Baker  
Dr. Richard Balsley Peggy Belknap  
Gina Ciuffetelli Chester Crandell  
Linda DeClay Patricia Eddy  
Blaine Hatch Rose Kreher  
Brian McLane David Newlin  
Dr. Gary Passer Everett Robinson  
Dan Simper Dr. Mike Solomonson  
Terri Tubbs Mark Vest  
Mira White

Chairman Daniel Peaches called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Mr. Baldwin led the Board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Peaches welcomed the visitors.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Bill Jeffers moved to adopt the agenda. Neal Thompson seconded the motion, and the agenda was accepted by a unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Neal Thompson and seconded by Norris Baldwin, the minutes of the executive sessions of January 30 (Interview), January 31 (Interview), January 31 (Legal Advice), February 7 (Interview), February 8 (Interview), February 14 (#1 Legal Advice),

February 14 (#2 President), February 24 (#1 President), February 24 (#2 Legal Advice), February 24 (#3 Legal Advice), the special session of January 31, 2006, the regular meeting of February 14, 2006 and the special session of February 24, 2006 were unanimously approved.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Holbrook City Manager David Newlin and Assistant Fire Chief Alex Baker requested permission to address the Board. Mr. Newlin extended an invitation to NPC to use their existing fire facility in any kind of partnership even the possible inclusion of NATC and NAVIT. The City and NPC still have money set aside for a joint venue and Mr. Newlin noted that the City is continually looking for an opportunity to proceed with that project.

- A) Faculty Report – Dr. Solomonson reported that the Faculty have been working on an academic freedom policy which clarifies teachers rights and responsibilities. It is being thoroughly reviewed. The High School Juried Art Show will be held on Friday, April 7 at the White Mountain Campus Aspen Center Gallery at 6:00 pm. Dr. Solomonson invited the Board members to attend.
- B) CASO Report – Rose Kreher announced that there was \$1,698 in the CASO scholarship fund and that scholarship applications would be reviewed for an award in April. The Spring CASO retreat will be held on Friday, April 28 at the Flake Barn hosted by Silver Creek Campus.
- C) Student Government Report – Mira White presented the Board with the first issue of the newsletter. The group is sponsoring a logo contest for the website and a name for the newsletter. They will also be sponsoring student appreciation lunches and activities during the last weeks of April. Mr. Baldwin noted that the activities were wonderful for the students and asked if the association students were being used to visit the high schools. Mr. Vest and Mira said that as the association becomes better organized and visible they would visit high schools and other groups.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

- A) President’s Report – Mark Vest informed the Board of a new scholarship effort to be advertised for this summer session. The “Smart Start” scholarships will be available to all graduating high school seniors in Navajo and Apache Counties for summer session classes. The scholarship will pay tuition on a first come – first served basis until the balance of \$60,000 set aside for the scholarships is consumed.

Everett Robinson shared a press release with the Board outlining Mr. Jeffers selection to receive a private benefactor Outstanding Service Award from the Council for Resource Development at the group’s meeting in Scottsdale on April

27. The CRD is an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges. The awards committee found “Mr. Jeffers exemplifies an outstanding supporter of community colleges,” and urged his nomination for a national benefactor award. The nomination was made by Anne Abbey, Executive Director of the Northland Pioneer College Foundation.

Dr. Passer wished Board member Norris Baldwin a happy birthday.

B) Board Report - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

A) Request to Approve an Agreement with Education Services Incorporated

The College has approved employee leasing. Education Services Incorporated is a company that provides that service. They have been awarded a contract through the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative and qualify as a vendor for the College. The agreement was approved upon a motion by Norris Baldwin and a second by Neal Thompson.

B) Request to Approve an Agreement to Deliver College Level Classes at Chinle Unified School District #24

This high school agreement continues arrangements to deliver college classes to high schools in the NPC service area. Bill Jeffers made the motion to approve the agreement and Neal Thompson seconded the motion. The agreement was approved by a unanimous vote.

C) Request to Approve Agreement with the Arizona Department of Commerce

Northland Pioneer College has been selected as a partner in a grant project through the US Department of Labor. The other partners are IBM, Mesa Community College and the Arizona Department of Commerce. The goals of the project include increasing the skills of Arizona workers through the development of a new curriculum in SQE and providing a pipeline of trained technicians. The agreement was approved unanimously after a motion by Neal Thompson and a second by Bill Jeffers.

D) Request to Approve Purchase of Replacement Routers for Painted Desert Campus

When the server and phone rooms currently housed at the Hermosa Painted Desert site are relocated to the new building, Frontier will be installing DS3s which will require these requested Cisco 7200 routers. The old routers will be used at other sites as needed. The new routers will provide more reliability for the NPC network and reduce the cost of

the current T-1s in use. The move is planned for May 19 through June 5. The purchase was unanimously approved after a motion by Norris Baldwin and a second by Bill Jeffers.

E) Request to Approve Interim Operational Plan

The interim operational plan was developed by the College Planning Committee from general college input. The interim plan will be a bridge between the old strategic plan and the one to be developed. Bill Jeffers made the motion to approve the Interim Operational Plan and Neal Thompson the second. It was unanimously approved.

F) Request to Award Bid for Painted Desert Campus Parking

The single bid received for the PDC parking project was rejected upon a motion by Norris Baldwin and a second by Neal Thompson. The bid was from Surface Contracting and was for a total amount of \$222,800. The architect estimate had placed the project in the \$100,000 range and the college will consider other options.

G) Request to Approve Vendor Vouchers for Payment

Approval of the vouchers for payment was unanimous. Norris Baldwin made the motion to approve and Neal Thompson made the second.

At 11:35 am the motion was made by Neal Thompson to move into an executive session as provided for by ARS §38-431.03 A 3 and 4 to have a consultation for legal advice concerning the NATC agreement. The vote was unanimous and the Board entered into executive session. It concluded at 12:35.

H) Consideration and Possible Approval of Agreement with Northeast Arizona Training Center

The NATC agreement was unanimously approved upon a motion by Norris Baldwin and a second from Neal Thompson. Mr. Jeffers wanted it noted that the agreement will “finish formalization of the college relationship with NATC.” He also stated that he wished NATC well in the continuation of their project.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board was tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2006.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm upon a motion by Bill Jeffers and a second by Neal Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terri Tubbs  
Recording Secretary to the Board

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Daniel Peaches  
Chairman

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Neal Thompson  
Secretary to the Board