

Navajo County Community College District Special Teleconference Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2007 – 8:30 a.m.

2251 Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona, 86025

Governing Board Members present: Norris Baldwin, A.T. Siquah, Neal Thompson

Absent: Daniel Peaches, Bill Jeffers

Staff present: Ralph Orr, Jeanne Swarouth, Lisa Jayne, Mark Vest, David Hansen

Others present: Mary Martinez, Paul Barger, Frances Stockl, Betty Lou Ferguson, Virginia Hatch, Karl Stockl, Barbara Layden, Donald Layden, Harold Hoover, David Schlatter, Trudy Bender, David Shumway, JoLynn Fox, Everett Robinson, Peggy Belknap, Eva Purvis, Marlin Gillespie, Bob Slade, Frank Pinwell, Trena Hunt, Dorothy Williams, John Chapin, Donna Ashcraft, Mike Nilsson, Mike McClelland, Ginger Pahl, Jonathan Taylor, Vincent Farr, Stuart Szink, Dennis Farr.

Call to Order: Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda: Norris Baldwin/A.T. Siquah/unanimous vote.

Invitation of Public Comment: Barbara and Donald Layden addressed the Board stating they were concerned about rumors that NPC would not be staying in Holbrook and wanted it noted that they felt we should keep the administrative offices in the center of Holbrook.

Mary Martinez addressed the Board concerned about current resignations, hiring of a CPA, and was concerned with extreme spending and president's lack of ethics and the recent vote of no confidence.

Paul Barger spoke regarding the temporary accounting personnel contract.

Karl Stockl, a resident of Holbrook, addressed the Board regarding the recent information about the audits.

Eva Purvis addressed the Board and wanted to know why the meeting was called during Spring Break when the faculty was not available and why the conference call took place on the President's private conference number instead of a number that could be accessed by others.

Trena Hunt addressed the Board and wanted to know about why Blaine Hatch was not allowed to attend audit meetings and why Blaine was let go.

Vincent Farr, a citizen of Holbrook, addressed the Board and wanted to comment on Blaine Hatch's resignation.

Mike Nilsson, a Holbrook citizen, addressed the Board with comments about the direction the College is taking and stated that wanting to move the College to Show Low was racist.

David Schlatter, with Media Duck USA/The Pioneer, addressed the Board with concerns about accounting firm bids, and commented that if Blaine Hatch's resignation was required then the Board should also resign as they are ultimately responsible for the audit and financial mess the College is in. He also brought into question the president's integrity.

Standing Business: Consideration of Grants and Contracts

A) Temporary Accounting Personnel – President Orr stated that he was notified by e-mail that there the person under consideration took another position and therefore no action was needed. Mr. Siquah requested that in the future there be at minimum two proposals submitted to the Board on any future contract considerations for the Board.

B) Consider Renewal of Whiteriver/Apache Construction Trade Contract

Dr. Swarouth stated that immediately after Board approval the start dates will need to be adjusted. Also an amendment will need to be offered for a tuition change in the fall. Neal Thompson asked if \$71,000 was what this contract brought in and Dr. Swarouth said it was closer to \$72,000. Mr. Thompson asked why it needs to be done yearly and Dr. Swarouth explained it was because the number of students, tuition, and start dates change. Dr. Swarouth stated that this is the first

time the renewal has been brought to the Board. **Mr. Sinquah moved to approve the contract and to authorize the President to sign the contract. Mr. Baldwin seconded. Passed on unanimous vote.**

C) Consider Statement of Assurances Agreement. **Mr. Baldwin made motion that President be authorized to sign the agreement, Norris seconded. Passed unanimously.**

D) Consider U.S. Department of Education Program Participation Agreement. Mr. Sinquah questioned the provisional condition. President Orr explained the provisional conditions related to the late audits. Specific conditions of the provisions listed are that we have to submit our audits in a timely manner, and that all audit deficiencies need to be resolved before the expiration of the provisional certification and payment of liabilities will need to be made if any, by the end of 2009. Mr. Sinquah asked about individuals from Mexico in regards to civil rights and present Arizona law. President Orr said until a ruling from Arizona Attorney General and implementation of Proposition 300 it is unclear what issues the College might face there. **Mr. Baldwin moved to authorize President Orr to sign the agreement. Mr. Sinquah seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Announcement of next meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. It is scheduled to be a teleconference. Mr. Sinquah addressed the issue that his phone connection was so bad that he would like to come to the CEC for the teleconference. Mr. Thompson stated he was welcome to attend in person.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m. upon a motion by Norris Baldwin and a second by A.T. Sinquah and a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jayne
Recording Secretary to the Board

Daniel Peaches
Chairman

Neal Thompson
Secretary to the Board