

Navajo County Community College District Special Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
Painted Desert Campus, Tiponi Community Center
2251 East Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona

Governing Board Member Present: Ms. Ginny Handorf; Mr. Daniel Peaches; Mr. James Matteson; Mr. Prescott Winslow; Mr. Frank Lucero.

Staff Present: President Jeanne Swarhout; Interim Vice President Maderia Ellison; Vice President Mark Vest; Director PJ Way; Recording Secretary to the Board Paul Hempsey.

Others Present: Kim Reed; Betsyann Wilson; Rebecca Hunt; Amber Hill; Stuart Bishop; Everett Robinson; Ann Hess; Kelley Harvey-Brannon; Bill Fee; Donna Soseman; Peggy Belknap; Rickey Jackson; Josh Rogers; John Spadaccini; Linda Kor; Ed Gentry; Brad Farber; Wayne Reeves; Martha Brooks; Jay Williams; Dorothy Williams; Ken Wilk; Jorge Meza; Margaret White; Jeremy Raisor.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Handorf called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Request to Approve 2016-2017 Proposed Tax Levy

Interim Vice President Ellison reviewed the Request to Approve the 2016-2017 Proposed Tax Levy stating that staff recommends approval.

Mr. Matteson asked if the maximum increase to a rate of 1.7884 will actually cause a decrease in the levy of \$147,386. Interim Vice President Ellison affirmed.

Mr. Winslow asked for the change in Equalization funding from last year. Interim Vice President Ellison responded that the college would see an increase of 4.2% or \$243,500. Mr. Winslow commented that he has no issue with the quality or value of education at the college and will support the levy increase because of the Equalization funds received, to show that we understand other tax payers, from outside the county, are helping to fund education in Navajo County and the increase in the levy rate is a reasonable price to pay for receiving Equalization funding.

*Mr. Matteson moved to approve the proposed 2016-2017 property tax levy rate as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winslow. **The vote passed upon a roll-call vote, with affirmative votes from Mr. Winslow, Mr. Matteson, Mr. Peaches, and Chair Handorf. Mr. Lucero opposed.***

Agenda Item 3: Request to Approve 2016-2017 Proposed Budget

Interim Vice President Ellison reviewed the request to Approve 2016-2017 Proposed Budget with the Board stating there had been no changes since the Board approved the preliminary budget in April.



Chair Handorf commented that, once the budget was adopted, there could be no increase. It can only be decreased.

Mr. Matteson commented that the adoption of the budget does not mandate that the college will spend all the money but must live within the totals

*Mr. Matteson moved to adopt the proposed 2016-2017 budget as presented. Mr. Winslow seconded the motion. **The motion passed upon a unanimous roll-call vote.***

Agenda Item 4: Request to Adopt 2016-2019 Proposed Capital Budget

Interim Vice President Ellison reviewed the request to adopt the 2016-2019 Capital Budget stating staff recommends approval.

Mr. Lucero asked about the \$1.5 million for Administrative Services. Interim Vice President Ellison commented that this is where the money for ongoing maintenance needs is held in the budget. Mr. Winslow asked if the budget included funds for the repaving of Bales Avenue at the Little Colorado Campus. Interim Vice President Ellison confirmed that it did.

*Mr. Matteson moved for adoption of the 2016-2019 proposed capital budget as presented. Mr. Winslow seconded. **The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote.***

Chair Handorf commented that each member of the Board was elected, from a particular area in the county, to represent voter's opinions on the issues for Northland Pioneer College. This comes with a fiduciary responsibility to do what is best for each area and the college as a whole and try to do that.

Agenda Item 5: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m. upon a motion by Mr. Matteson, a second by Mr. Winslow, and a unanimous affirmative vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Hempsey
Recording Secretary to the Board

