



The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 11, 2025

Attending: Sue Johnson, Becky Frost, Jessica Oyler, Dave Ferro, Meghan Dutton, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Dawn Winter, Jamie Froerer, Michelle Christensen, Mindy Nelson, Rin Houghton (student), Dylan Scott (student), Cathy Scott (Dylan's Mom), Vickie Finlinson

Welcome: Board President, Susan Johnson

ACTION ITEMS:

- **MEETING MINUTES:** Sue Johnson

Motion to approve Minutes from January 7, 2025: Sue Johnson. Second, Becky Frost. All in favor.

Capstone 2025: (Non-Action Item)

Our 2025 Capstone Night was held over two evenings at the Davis Campus and one evening at the North Campus. Our Seniors displayed and explained their Capstone Projects. The faculty and parental support was amazing. We enjoyed seeing all the projects our Senior class has been working on for the past three years. Pictures were displayed to the Board showing various students explaining their projects and proudly standing by their presentations.

One of the Capstone presentations was by Dylan Scott. He is here today with his mother, Cathy, to tell us about his project. Dylan explained his project: "I gave away a car to a single mom. I did this along with a non-profit organization called God's Garage. Jimmy Pitts is owner of God's Garage. They fix up cars and give to families in need."

Dylan and his friends and family donated to this project. He raised \$1,000 and bought a car off Facebook Marketplace. He then took it to God's Garage, and they helped Dillon fix it up. It was a pretty good car with only a couple of repairs needed. When the car was ready, Dylan attended and helped at a service project called "Feed My Starving Children". At this outreach program, they stopped the event and talked about a student at NUAMES High School who had a car there that night to donate to a single mother who didn't have a car. They then asked Dylan to give the keys to the single mother. Dylan looked across the table and gave the keys to a woman he had never met. A single mother without a car. The crowd then burst into an explosive applause and the little Mom was overcome with gratitude. It was very special, and a video of this event went out on social media. Dylan also had arranged a "Secret Santa" project for this woman and her baby. Dylan has a passion for serving his community and it was an amazing Capstone Project.

Dylan's project embodies the idea of Capstone. This is what we hope comes out of education.

NUAMES awards Capstone Scholarships. Dylan will receive the Service Scholarship for his Capstone Project. The Capstone presentations and projects get better every year. There were about 350 in total Projects.

- **Data Governance Plan:** Kelli Booth

- This plan follows the USBE model plan.

Motion to approve the Data Governance Plan: Sue Johnson. Second, Becky Frost. All in favor.

- **Directory Information Notice:** Kelli Booth

- This ties into a portion of the data governance policy and follows the model plan.

Motion to approve Directory Information Notice: Becky Frost. Second, Meghan Dutton. All in favor.

➤ **Attendance Policy Updates: Kelli Booth**

- We will change from quarters/terms to 2 semesters. Therefore, we submit to the Board that we have changed the policy to show 12 absences substantiate a “U” grade for the semester - Instead of the 6 absences that were equal to a “U” for the quarter (term).
- The question was asked if we have a lot of absenteeism? Pre Covid, we didn’t have a problem. Pre-Covid, our absenteeism was at 9%. Post covid, it went to about 22%. If you follow our data, the change happened during covid. 22% missing in the day is not much compared to other schools.
- Attendance notification: We still hold the student accountable, so when the parent calls in to “excuse” the absence, basically the parent is acknowledging the absence. If they choose to keep the kids home, that is their decision. The reality is that the student is missing the class period.

Motion to approve attendance policy updates: Megan Dutton. Second, Dave Ferro. All in favor.

➤ **2nd Reading SY26 Calendar: Kelli Booth**

- Kelli explained the changes on the calendar. She thinks other districts will follow our lead with this new concept.
- NUAMES will go to semester-based grading periods for SY26.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will again happen via Zoom.
- Fridays are our rotating days of A and B.
- Note the start of the semester shows a ½ day.
- Rin Houghton, a student body officer commented: Having a ½ day will help to reduce awkwardness starting the program. Teachers can review the syllabus on this ½ day. This will help with retention. It is also helpful to have the same schedule as WSU.
- The three days prior to the start of the school year are contract days (Aug. 11th, 12th, 13th)
- The four professional learning days are after midterm and end of semesters (Oct. 20th, Dec. 19th, Mar. 13th, May 22nd)
- The 2 comp days (for parent teacher conferences) are the day before Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 26th) and the Tuesday after President's Day (Feb. 17th)

This calendar has been through a faculty committee who met 4 times on this calendar. We want to thank them for their time, attention to detail and tenacity in getting this calendar ready for approval.

Motion to approve revised Calendar: Sue Johnson, Second: Dave Ferro. All in favor.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

➤ **Survey Notice: Kelli Booth**

- We need to disclose which surveys we use. All students are now included in the school wide disclosure. We just need to let the Board know that the survey notice is included prior to the start of the school year.

➤ **Legislative Update: Nate Taggart**

- Our 45th legislative session is over. Some issues are still waiting for the Governor to approve. We had some lean years with a flat budget so it’s nice to receive 4% this year. In addition, they put \$50,000 aside as a one-time bonus for K-12 teachers. This will be \$1,446 for each teacher. This is the third time this has happened, and we appreciate it.
- The Utah homeschool funding Bill changed from 20 M to 40 M. They can only spend ½ of it on physical education.
- There were some programs to be reevaluated and take place in the 26-27 school year.
- We now get ¼ m for concurrent enrollment.
- The Teacher Student Success Program (TSSP) is a program for Math, Computer Science and SPED teachers. It was an opportunity for these teachers to get an extra stipend. The legislature is looking to sunset this program.
- Digital Learning Grant: We receive \$58,000 for this grant. It is a difficult grant get. We have been able

to purchase lots of computers with this grant in the past. It is on the review block for next year.

- For public ed, collective bargaining was the biggest one. That's something that doesn't impact us. We appreciate our generous Board who are so good to our teachers.
- All flags or banners have been banned from public classrooms other than the American flag. This passed and is waiting for the Governor to approve. As we are located on the WSU campus and share our classrooms, this doesn't impact us much.
- The Bill for school districts to share data was worded that they MAY share data. They are not obliged to do so. They are working on this bill to have it changed to the word WILL instead of MAY. Davis School District shared with is this year, but Weber School District did not. It seems to be at the whims of the Superintendent. This is why it is important for us to go down and participate in the legislative relationships matter.
- The State will prepare a handout about what happened with education during the legislative process this year and we will make sure you receive this information at the next meeting.

➤ **Accreditation Report:**

- Our accreditation report has been submitted. The person who came to our school writes it up and then submits it to her team for proofreading. We are happy and thrilled with our presentation.

➤ **Marketing**

- We met with a marketing committee. We are excited to work with them. We will spend money on marketing to get our schools up to capacity. If everyone came who enrolls, we would be at capacity. This is why we want to over-enroll. We lose students who don't want to leave their friends, military moves, and family issues. Our sophomore numbers always decrease right before school starts for these reasons.

➤ **Lottery:**

Current SY26 Enrollment:		
<div>ND: 334 Accepted NN: 154 Accepted</div>	ND:	NN:
	Soph - 334 (+10 offered)	Soph - 154 (+8 offered)
	Jr. - 209 (3/10/25)	Jr. - 166 (3/10/25)
	Sr. - 244	Sr. - 147
	787	467 (ND+NN= 1,254)
*NUAMES has 56 spots available		

We still have spots open. The Davis campus is starting a waiting list. If people haven't responded to accept their spot, we will push through these spots. We still have students who want to come. They just need to do the enrollment process. It actually looks really good.

➤ **By the Numbers:** Dawn Winter

DAVIS

Female 46%
Male – 54%
Asian – 5%
Hispanic – 17%
Black – 2%
Native - >1%
White – 66%
504 – 12%
IEP – 3%
Military – 6%

NORTH

Female – 47%
Male 53%
Asian – 2%
Hispanic – 24 %
Black – 3%
Native - >1%
White 68%
504 – 13%
IEP – 4%
Military – 3%

Early College11th – 46%12th – 48%

Davis Tech – 50

New Courses: DAVIS Campus

AP Physics

AP US Government

CE Business Comm

CE Automotive (continued pathway)

CE UAS Drones 1500

CE Online Course Offerings

Early College11th – 40%12th – 51%

Ogden Tech - 66

New Courses: NORTH Campus

AP US Government

CE Interior Design 1 & 2

CE Online Course Offerings

➤ **NUAMES Events**

- **Nighthawk Flyby:** Photos were shown of the NUAMES Flyby. It was very successful. We look forward to this night all year. Incoming students with their parents and siblings are always so excited to come and meet our teachers, see our clubs, get information about ASPIRE, and buy some NUAMES swag
- **Shetek:** Photos were shown of Shetek. Girls go learn about technology information. It's an inspiring day for women and females.
- **Women in Stem:** We are a sponsor. This is a group from HAFB who want to get females interested in stem. They have been so gracious to come and talk with our female students.
- **America First** Donated some hydro-jugs for our faculty. We passed these out in faculty meeting. This time of year is difficult for teachers, and this little gift gave them a great boost! Our Spring break is in 2 weeks.

➤ **Upcoming Calendar**

- **March 13th - End of 3rd Quarter**
- **March 14th - Teacher Workday**
- **March 31st - April 4th - Spring Break**
- **April 18th - 4th Quarter Midterms**
- **May 13th - Board Meeting 10 am**
- **May 16th - Graduation 10 am - Dee Events Center**
- **May 23rd - Last Day of School**

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: Sue Johnson. Second. Meghan Dutton. All in favor.

➤ **Next Meeting:** May 13, 2025, 10:00 am