



The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

12:00 pm, Noorda Building, WSU

March 14, 2024

Conducting: Sue Johnson

Attending: Sue Johnson, Becky Frost, Lynnette Gilbert, Dave Ferro, Mary McKinley, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Dawn Winter, Steve Davis, Brenda Casper, Sherene Keith

Welcome: Sue Johnson

Action Items:

- **Minutes Approval**

Motion to approve minutes from January 9, 2024: Lynnette Gilbert. Second: Mary McKinley- with note to correct spelling of her name on page 3. All in favor.

- **2nd reading of proposed SY25 NUAMES Calendar**

Discussion of earlier starting and ending date

Motion to approve Final reading of Proposed SY25 NUAMES School Calendar: Mary McKinley. Second: Lynnette Gilbert. All in favor.

- **Updated Fee Schedule**

Correction of typo on dance fees to reflect current fee of up to \$30 per individual and up to \$70 per couple. Driver Education fee will be up to \$200. Using the term “up to” reduces the need to update fee schedules every year. Fees listed in the schedule are “possible” fees only. NUAMES reduced registration fees 2 years ago. Lynnette noted the misspelling of “Buss Pass” in the fee schedule.

Motion to approve SY25 Updated Fee Schedule: Lynnette Gilbert. Second: Becky Frost. All in favor.

Information Items:

- **Lottery Update:**

Board discussed issues regarding obtaining mailing lists from other School Districts. Superintendents claim they want to protect privacy by not sharing lists with Charter Schools. This gives the impression that student learning is not being placed as a priority above keeping schools running in these Districts.

- **SIS Shift to ASPIRE**

NUAMES is in the process of transferring from the DSD Encore SIS to ASPIRE. All student data is being transferred and organizational accounts are being set up. Students and faculty will utilize their weber.edu email accounts. NUAMES will have its own Canvas LMS. We will need a 20 hr/mo employee to do UTREX reporting. ASPIRE has improved significantly over the past years and has many advantages over Encore including customizing our Graduation screen, naming our own courses, and ensuring course numbers are correct. Uses a dual authentication process with encryption for security. Most Charter Schools use this SIS.

- **NUAMES/WSU Lease Agreement: Nate Taggart**

Lease appears solid. Not many changes anticipated. We expect a 2% annual increase. Lease has been in effect for 10 years, we have the option to increase in 5 years.

- **Financial Systems Update: Nate Taggart**

Motion to go into Closed Session: Sue Johnson, roll call vote, All in Favor: Becky Frost, Lynnette Gilbert, Dave Ferro, Mary McKinley

There was a Motion to go into Closed Session: Dave Ferro. Second, Marry McKinley. All in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – (52-4-204-1-F &G) (F) for a project entity that is conducting an open meeting for purposes of discussing a business decision, the disclosure of which could cause commercial injury to, or confer a competitive advantage upon a potential or actual competitor of, the project entity or (G) for a project entity that is conducting an open meeting for purposes of discussing a record, the disclosure of which could cause commercial injury to, or confer a competitive advantage upon a potential competitor of, the project entity"

Motion to come out of Closed Session: Sue Johnson, roll call vote, All in Favor: Becky Frost, Lynnette Gilbert, Dave Ferro, Mary McKinley

- **Legislative Update: Nate Taggart**

There will be a 5% raise in WPU for SY25. Board discussed many of the approved House Bills including HB-84 regarding school safety support grants. HB-119 involves liability protection and training for teachers who carry guns. HB-257, the "Bathroom Bill" passed early on and went into immediate effect. Students are required to use the bathroom according to their sex at birth. See handout.

- **NUAMES Events/Student Achievement: Brenda Casper, Steve Davis**

Senior Capstone Nights were exceptional on both campuses. Great opportunity for parent/student interaction. Projects were very impressive. Parent suggested inviting recruiters to view projects.

Women4Stem: held at Davis Campus, HS girls throughout the state participated. NUAMES had a female engineering teacher and Health Science teacher representing.

Interact Club: made blankets for Layton Hospital

Esports: going strong on both campuses. ND took 2nd place in Rocket League

Cheer Competition: ND student is a cheerleader at Northridge HS. Student Government went to show support for her as she went to compete in California.

Flybys: went well on both campuses. These were held earlier this year to accommodate students before other schools started their registration process.

Other events: Higher Ed Day, Oratorical Contest (ND students took 1st & 2nd place), SheTech

Achievements:

Concurrent Enrollment Award: NUAMES has the highest matriculation rate of all WSU CE partners.

4 National Merit Finalists on the Davis campus

Faculty recognition: Alan Baggaley was awarded the WSU Davis Outstanding Faculty member for Fall Semester

Diana Bass is receiving an award from Stanford University.

- **Graduation Information**

Commencement will be held on **May 17, 2024** at 10:00 am in the Dee Event Center. Rosemary Lesser will be the keynote speaker.

- **Upcoming Calendar**

- **Public Comment**
- **Next Board Meeting: May 14, 2024 at 10:00 am**

Motion to adjourn: Lynnette Gilbert. Second: Becky Frost. All in favor.