

**NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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**Regular Board Meeting (Wednesday, October 9, 2024)**

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**1. MEETING OPENING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

A Regular Board meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM (MDT) by Governing Board President, Lee Zhonnie at Classroom 101 Career and Technical Education Building, Red Mesa Unified School District, Red Mesa AZ.

**1.2 Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

Lee Zhonnie, Red Mesa Unified School District  
Michael Bahe, Pinon Unified School District (Teleconference)  
Jeremy Curtis, Ganado Unified School District  
Margaret Yazzie, Sanders Unified School District

Board Member Absent:

Marie Acothley, Tuba City Unified School District  
Jeremy Jimmy, Chinle Unified School District  
Lavina Smith, Kayenta Unified School District

**1.3 Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President Zhonnie led the Pledge of Allegiance for Board members and attendees.

**1.4 Welcome and Introductions**

Northeast AZ Technological Institute Vocational Education District Central Campus, Superintendent/Principal, Ron Tsosie welcomed NATIVE Board members and attendees who are present at today's Regular Governing Board meeting.

**1.5 Citizens Present**

In addition to four (4) Governing Board members, the NATIVE Superintendent, the NATIVE Business Manager, the NATIVE CTE Coordinator, the NATIVE Governing Board Secretary, 2 CTE Directors, 2 community member a total of 12 were in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

**1.6 Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Jeremy Curtis and seconded by Michael Bahe. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

**1.7 Call to the Public**

None

Board member Smith arrived to the meeting via Zoom at 10:15 AM (MDT).

Board member Jimmy arrived at the meeting at 10:28 AM (MDT).

**2. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

**2.1 NATIVE Principal/Superintendent Report**

A motion to approve Principal/Superintendent Report, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Jeremy Curtis, and second by Margaret Yazzie. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mrs. Marie Acothley

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

**2.2 Financial Report to include Cash Balances, Expenditure Budget Balance, Monthly Board, and Student Activity Reports**

A motion to approve Financial Report of Student Activity Reports, Cash Balances, Expenditure Budget Balance, Monthly Board, as presented by Gabriel Yazzie NATIVE Business Manager and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Jeremy Curtis, and seconded by Margaret Yazzie. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mrs. Marie Acothley

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

**2.3 NATIVE CTE Coordinator's Report**

The CTE Coordinator's report, included in the Board agenda packet, was summarized by CTE Coordinator Jonathan Yazzie, who referenced NATIVE District and presented CTE Coordinator's calendar.

Board member Acothley arrived at the meeting at 11:00 AM (MDT).

#### 2.4 Site CTE Director's Reports

Written and verbal report was submitted by Doris Nelson, Tuba City HS - posted in BoardDocs regarding program status, teachers update, upcoming school year events and budget.

Written report by Chris McNabb, Ganado HS - regarding program status, teachers update, upcoming school year events and budget.

Verbal report by Serena Jimmy, Chinle HS- regarding program status, teachers update, upcoming school year events and budget.

#### 2.5 Board Reports

School Board Vice President Acothley reported on her attendance at the ASBA Navajo County Meeting on September 27, 2024, Kayenta Unified School District, Kayenta AZ- at the event Board member Acothley was awarded the "Copper Award".

School Board member Curtis reported on his attendance at the ASBA Navajo County Meeting on September 27, 2024, Kayenta Unified School District, Kayenta AZ- at the event Board member Curtis was awarded the "Master of Boardmanship".

School Board member Yazzie reported on her attendance at the ASBA Navajo County Meeting on September 27, 2024, Kayenta Unified School District, Kayenta AZ.

School Board President Zhonnie reported on his attendance at the ASBA Navajo County Meeting on September 27, 2024, Kayenta Unified School District, Kayenta AZ- at the event Board member Zhonnie was awarded the "Copper Award".

#### 2.6 Upcoming Board Travel

Superintendent-Principal Tsosie presented upcoming Board travel and advised Board members to contact Board Secretary to request Board travel if interested in attending ASBA-ASA 67th Annual Conference.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 A motion to approve minutes of NATIVE Public Hearing Minutes on September 11, 2024.

3.2 A motion to approve minutes of NATIVE Regular Governing Board meeting on September 11, 2024.

3.3 A motion to approve expenditures for meal purchases:

- NATIVE Central Campus Graphic Arts students and sponsor Kari Denny-Flynn to attend AZ SkillsUSA Camp Champion Leadership Conference on November 6-8, 2024, at Williams, AZ.
- NATIVE Central Campus Culinary Arts students and sponsor Luanne Bradley to attend C-CAP AZ Harvest Moon Feast on October 17, 2024, Phoenix AZ.

3.4 A motion to approve accounts payable vouchers V#2509, V#2510, V#2511, V#2512, and payroll vouchers #6, #6DDL, #7, #7DDL.

3.5 A motion approve FY2024/2025 Site Budget Request and Allocation.

- Kayenta Unified School District - Clyde McBride, CTE Coordinator
- Tuba City Unified School District - Doris Nelson, CTE Coordinator
- Chinle Unified School District - Serena Jimmy, CTE Coordinator

3.6 A motion to approve travel for NATIVE Central Campus Graphic Design students to attend AZ SkillsUSA 2024 Camp Champion Leadership Conference on November 6-8, 2024, at William, AZ.

3.7 A motion to approve travel for NATIVE Central Campus Culinary Art students to attend the AZ C-CAP Harvest Moon Feast on October 17, 2024, at Scottsdale, AZ.

3.8 A motion to approve IGA between NATIVE District and AZ CTE Curriculum Consortium and approval to be retroacted back to September 19, 2024.

3.9 A motion to approve Career and Technical Student Organization SkillsUSA, FCCLA at NATIVE Central Campus/Sites and approve organization sponsors for SY2024/2025.

- NATIVE Hopi Graphic Design, SkillsUSA, Cedric Dawavendewa
- NATIVE Central Campus Graphic Design, SkillsUSA, Kari Denny-Flynn
- NATIVE Central Campus Culinary Arts, FCCLA, Luanne Bradley
- NATIVE Shonto Culinary Arts, FCCLA, Blair Brown

A motion to approve consent agenda 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Margaret Yazzie, and seconded by Jeremy Curtis. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Michael Bahe no answer at 11:56 AM (MDT)

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

### 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 A motion to approve the FY2024 Annual Financial Report (AFR), as presented by Business Manager Gabriel Yazzie and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Margaret Yazzie and seconded by Jeremy Curtis. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Mr. Michael Bahe

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

6.2 First Reading of ASBA Policy Services Advisories PA No. 801-807, Volume 36-Number 5, September 2024. No action required at this time.

6.3 A motion to approve Request for Proposals for Annual Financial Audits of financial transactions and accounts and approval to be retroacted back to October 1, 2024, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Margaret Yazzie and seconded by Jeremy Curtis recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Mr. Michael Bahe

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

6.4 A motion to approve SY2024/2025 annual teacher retention payment for NATIVE Central Campus and NATIVE Partnership Certified CTE Teachers, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Jeremy Curtis and seconded by Margaret Yazzie. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Mr. Michael Bahe

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

Board member Bahe arrived to the meeting via teleconference at 12:14 PM (MDT).

6.5 A motion to approve the annual SkillsNATIVE event for SY2024/2025. The date of February 26, 2025 and the event location will be at Tuba City HS, Tuba City AZ, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Jeremy Curtis and seconded by Michael Bahe. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

## 7. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

ASBA Policy Advisory PA No. 801-807; Tagging Threshold for NATIVE District Central Campus from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00, Update on 2025 SkillsNATIVE

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 End of Daylight Savings Time on November 3, 2024.

CTE Coordinator Doris Nelson enjoyed the performance from the young children who dressed traditional and talked Navajo.

Superintendent Tsosie presented certificate awards to President Zhonnie and Vice President Acothley for service NATIVE District Board President and Vice President 2023-2024.

Board member Yazzie - Thanked Board member Jimmy for representing Chinle USD - as NATIVE District Board member. This will be Mr. Jeremy Jimmy's last Board meeting. Mr. Zhonnie encouraged Board member Jimmy to come back to NATIVE District as a Board member.

## 9. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 10:00 AM (MST), Chinle Unified School District, Chinle AZ.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Board meeting was made by Jeremy Curtis and seconded by Margaret Yazzie. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:24 PM (MDT).

Dated this 10th day of October 2024  
Northeast Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Tsosie', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Ron Tsosie, NATIVE District Superintendent/Principal