

**NORTHEAST ARIZONA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
(Zoom/Teleconference was enabled for Board Members and Public Participation)**

**Regular Board Meeting (Wednesday, December 11, 2024)**

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**1. MEETING OPENING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

A Regular Board meeting was called to order at 10:22 AM (MST) by Governing Board President, Lee Zhonnie at Classroom 35, Northeast AZ Technological Institute of Vocational Education District, Kayenta AZ.

**1.2 Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

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 of Vocational Education District Superintendent Tsosie welcomed NATIVE Board members and attendees who are present at today's Regular Governing Board meeting.

**1.5 Citizens Present**

In addition to five (5) Governing Board members, the NATIVE Superintendent, The NATIVE CTE Coordinator, the NATIVE Governing Board Secretary, 3 CTE Directors, 4 community members a total of 15 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 Michael Bahe and seconded by Jeremy Curtis. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

**1.7 Call to the Public**

None

Board member Smith arrived at the meeting via Zoom at 10:37 AM (MST).

**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 seconded by Michael Bahe. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

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

Nay: 0

Abstain:

Absent: Mrs. Marie Acothley (No answer at 10:47 AM - MST), Mr. Jeremy Jimmy

Vote: 5 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 to include Cash Balances, Expenditure Budget Balance, Monthly Board, 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, Ms. Lavina Smith, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy

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

Board member Acothley arrived at the meeting at 10:54 AM (MST).

**2.3 NATIVE CTE Coordinator's Report**

The CTE Coordinator's report, was presented by Superintendent Tsosie which included in the Board agenda packet, who referenced NATIVE District and presented CTE Coordinator's calendar.

Board member Yazzie left the meeting at 11:08 AM (MST).

#### 2.4 Site CTE Director's Reports

Written report was submitted by Dora Speirs, Valley HS and was presented by Superintendent Tsosie - Andrienna Luellen & Starla Toadlena, Sanders USD attended via Zoom. Report was posted in BoardDocs regarding program status, teacher update, upcoming school year events and budget.

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

Verbal report was presented by Serena Jimmy, Chinle HS (Zoom) - regarding program status, teacher update, upcoming school year events and budget.

Verbal report by Clyde McBride, Monument Valley HS - regarding program status, teacher update, upcoming school year events and budget.

Written and verbal report was presented by Andrea Lameman and Alvina Tsosie, Red Mesa HS - posted in BoardDocs regarding program status, teacher update, upcoming school year events and budget.

#### 2.5 Board Reports

None

#### 2.6 Upcoming Board Travel

Superintendent Tsosie presented upcoming Board travel and advised Board members to contact Board Secretary to request board travel if interested in attending ASBA 67th Annual Conference, ASBA Board Operations & Leadership Training Seminar, and NATIVE Skills.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 A motion to approve minutes of NATIVE Regular Governing Board meeting on November 13, 2024.

3.2 A motion to approve expenditures for meal purchases.

- NATIVE Shonto Culinary Arts students & chaperones attend FCCLA 2024 Red Zone Conference.

3.3 A motion to approve accounts payable vouchers V#2518, V#2519, V#2520, and payroll vouchers #10, #10DDL, #11, #11DDL.

3.4 A motion to approve Superintendent Tsosie as the authorized signatory for E-Rate application for NATIVE District for FY25/26.

3.5 A motion to approve monetary donation to be donated to the NATIVE Shonto Culinary Arts program.

3.6 A motion to approve travel for NATIVE Shonto Culinary Art students, teacher, chaperone to attend the 2024 Red Zone Leadership Conference on December 12, 2024, at Glendale AZ.

A motion to approve consent agenda 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, No answer from Ms. Lavina Smith at 12:20 PM (MST)

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

### 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Marie Acothley and seconded by Jeremy Curtis to enter into executive session. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Ms. Lavina Smith No answer at 12:20 PM (MST), Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

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

Time entered into Executive Session: 12:22 PM (MST)

4.1 Discussion of the FY24/25 NATIVE Governing Board Self Evaluation results.

A motion was made by Jeremy Curtis and seconded by Marie Acothley to exit out of the Executive Session. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothley, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Ms. Lavina Smith

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

Time exiting Executive Session: 1:11PM (MST)

4.2 Annual evaluation of NATIVE District Superintendent for FY24/25.

A motion to defer agenda item 4.2 to the next Governing Board meeting was made by Marie Acothey, and seconded by Michael Bahe. Board Secretary recorded Board members vote with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothey, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Ms. Lavina Smith

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 2nd Reading. Consideration to approve revise Governing School Board policy DICA. A motion has been made to approve the second Reading of Governing School Board policy DICA, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Marie Acothey and seconded by Michael Bahe. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothey, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Ms. Lavina Smith

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

5.2 2nd Reading. Consideration to approve revise Governing School Board policy DID and DID-R. A motion has been made to approve the second Reading of Governing School Board policy DID and DID-R, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Michael Bahe and seconded by Jeremy Curtis. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothey, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Ms. Lavina Smith

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

5.3 The Board discussed, and a motion has been made to approve Superintendent Tsosie direction on voting on bylaw change proposal from Arizona School Boards Association, as presented and recommended by Superintendent Tsosie, was made by Michael Bahe and seconded by Jeremy Curtis. Board Secretary recorded Board members votes with a roll call.

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothey, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Ms. Lavina Smith

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 A motion has been made to approve Revision #2 of FY2025 District Annual Expenditure Budget, 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, Ms. Lavina Smith

Nay: 0

Abstain: Mrs. Marie Acothey

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. The motion carried.

## 7. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Will schedule a Special Board meeting regarding NATIVE District proposed audit bids and Superintendent evaluation.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIVE District Superintendent will present a gift to Board member Mrs. Margaret Yazzie for her service and dedication as being a Board member for 21 years at NATIVE District.

## 9. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM (MST), Sanders Unified School District, Sanders AZ.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Yay: Mr. Lee Zhonnie, Mrs. Marie Acothey, Mr. Michael Bahe, Mr. Jeremy Curtis, Ms. Lavina Smith

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Jimmy, Mrs. Margaret Yazzie

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carried.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM (MST).

Dated this 12th day of December 2024

Northeast Arizona Technological Institute of Vocational Education

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Tsosie'.

Ron Tsosie, NATIVE District Superintendent/Principal