



## The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science

### Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM – In Person and Via Zoom

January 9, 2024 - Conducting: Sue Johnson

**Attending:** Sue Johnson, Fran Bradshaw, Becky Frost, Dave Ferro, Thomas Hezseltine, Laurie Larsen, Jessica Oyler, Mary McKinley, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Dawn Winter, Steve Davis, Brenda Casper, Vickie Finlinson

**WELCOME:** Sue Johnson

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Minutes Approval: Sue Johnson**

**Motion to approve Minutes from November 14, 2023: Dave Ferro. Second, Becky Frost. All in favor.**

- **Proposed SY25 School Calendar:**

- This calendar is presented to the Board for first reading. We will take it to the calendaring committee on Friday. This committee consists of counselors, parents, teachers, and administrators. This calendar shows Teacher Contract Days, Teacher Workdays, Holidays, End of Midterms, Terms End, Graduation, etc. We want to note that this calendar meets the criteria for number of days in school (181 days or 1,038 hours).

**Motion to approve first reading of Proposed School Calendar for SY25: Dave Ferro. Second, Mary McKinley. All in favor.**

- **Proposed Fee Schedule: Nate Taggart**

- Most of our students don't have fees. Our fees are listed as a requirement from the state. The only adjustment from last year is that we have had a change of procedure with on-the-road driving in Driver Education, as the teacher who drives the student may not test the student. We have adjusted driver education fees by \$15. We also give the free bus pass to students who are in Early College. This allows students to stay after for tutoring and to go between campuses. The school now pays for fee waived students' CE classes and AP testing fees as needed. The only classes that have fees are the Art classes and Driver Education. We have no generalized school fees. We haven't charged school registration fees for the past three years.

**Motion to approve the SY25 Fee Schedule: Dave Farrow. Second, Sue Johnson**

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- **Year-End Financial Statement: Thomas Hezseltine from Squire & Company**

- **SY23 Audit: As of June 20, 2023.**

- **Page three shows**

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering and Science as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- The above statement means, in the Charter World, this is an “A” grade. Thomas said he did not find any large errors and congratulated NUAMES for this. That’s huge and very good. Our auditors’ report is high-level. It talks about financial statements. If you go to page 6 of the pdf, you can read the Management’s Discussion and Analysis. This part is a quick summary of the financial statements behind it. After that, you get into the “nitty gritty” of the audit.

Susan Johnson asked: “No findings – which is great. What of any significance did you find – positive or negative”?

Thomas responded with: “Overall, you are in a unique situation where DSD handles lots of your financials. We make it work and we also audit Davis School District, so we can do both simultaneously. We ask questions of Steve Snow from the District and Nate Taggart at NUAMES”. Thomas then explained that there was a change in the government auditing standard that said we would treat leases differently than we have in the past. That happened last year. This sort of throws off NUAMES’ budget. Thomas showed this on Page 16, under Issuance of Lease. The government wants it recorded as another source. We treat it similarly as to how we treat debt. It is an off-set expenditure.

- The question was asked why the budget is different from “Original Budget” and “Final Budget”. Example: Looking at the 2024 year you are in now, this would have been the 6-2023 budget you approved going into the year. Then things change since interest changes, so now the Final changes show the final budget where we land. This is how the budget changes during the year.
- Thank you, Thomas. We appreciate Squire and Company, and we enjoy working with them.

**Motion to approve SY23 Audit: Mary McKinley. Second: Jessica Oyler. All in favor.**

● **Lottery as of Jan 8, 2023: Brenda Casper**

NUAMES North	NUAMES Davis
Total Applications – 176 Completed – 145 In process – 31	Total Applications – 254 Completed – 212 In process – 42

We have two more information nights scheduled for January on the 24<sup>th</sup> and on 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. North accepted 7 new students at semester which puts their numbers up a bit.

● **Marketing & Upcoming Assessment: Steve Davis**

- We have two waves of marketing: One that goes out in October and one that goes out December/January. This is what we have done:
  - Over 16,000 sent out to prospective students
  - 2nd round of mailers sent
  - 8,000+ with mailing addresses (DSD/WSD)
  - 8,000+ targeted mass mailers(14-16 aged student in homes)
  - Mailing list from Charter schools (Highmark/OPA)
  - Video created of Noorda facility - link
    - ◆ President Mortensen endorsement
  - Spanish Translation of Infographic and Postcard
  - GEO Tracking ads online
- Below you will see what our mailers look like: We want to thank Bell Printing for their fine work on our postcards and mailers. We are excited about possible legislation coming down to make districts give us

their mailing lists. We can't get Ogden School District or Morgan School District's lists yet. We have done some GEO location adds on Facebook and have those running through end of March.

- Small class-size matters. If you want to reach students, you need small class sizes. NUAMES had the highest growth rate for Math and Science. Videos and testimonials are good as well. We show them on information nights.

**NUAMES** EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL  
**THE PLACE TO BE**

**BE READY**  
50% of our seniors earned an **Associates Degree** last year at minimal or no expense

**BE THERE**  
State funded tuition-free public high school on a university campus

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• AP courses  
• CE courses  
• Early College Scholarships

**BE MOBILE**  
Discounted UTA bus & train passes available for all students

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• Computer science  
• Engineering  
• Dances & stumps  
• Student government & service opportunities  
• Clubs and groups  
• Release time (Seminary)

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**BE UNIQUE!**  
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Scan today to apply, and to get more info.

The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering and Science's mission is **TO BE** the school of choice for those seeking an early college experience on a university campus. NUAMES serves students in grades 10-12 and is located on Weber State University's Ogden and Davis Campuses. Choose **TO BE** a Nighthawk!

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- **Upcoming Assessment**

We tested every single Junior last year. We are proud of that fact. This year our assessment looks like this:

- ACT: March 7<sup>th</sup> for Juniors
- ASPIRE: Last week of April – first week of May

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

**CLOSED SESSION** -

**Motion to come out of Closed Session: Laurie Larsen. Second, Mary McKinley. All in favor.**

**Next Board Meeting: March 12, 2024 @ 10:00 am**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Gina James NAPCS**

They are working on a campaign with the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. They are targeting students in the Salt Lake and Ogden areas with radio and digital ads, and are campaigning to get all student information housed at USBE. Our Mission is to allow as many Utah students as possible a "NUAMES" education.

**Motion to adjourn: Becky Frost. Second: Dave Ferro. All in favor.**