



**The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

10:00 am – Meeting Via ZOOM – January 11, 2022

Conducting: Sue Johnson – Board President

Attending: Sue Johnson, Elizabeth Veillon, Fran Bradshaw, Dave Ferro, Lauri Larsen, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Dawn Winter, Steve Davis, Brenda Casper, Mindy Nelson, Vickie Finlinson

Welcome: Sue Johnson

Action Item: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Sue Johnson

Motion to approve minutes from meeting held on November 10, 2021: Dave Ferro. Second Elizabeth Veillon. All in favor.

Action Item - Proposed Fee Schedule SY23: Nate Taggart

- Registration Fee: \$160.00
- Art/Drawing: \$20.00
- Art/Painting: \$20.00
- Art/Photography: \$20
- Driver Education: \$165.00
- Summer Driver Education: \$250.00
- NUAMES Online Course .25 Credits: \$50.00

The Fee Schedule is the same. We have minimized as much as we possibly can. Our School Registration Fees are \$160 and \$133 of this includes the bus pass. Art classes have a \$20 fee. Driver Education has a fee of \$165. We are required to pay this for on-road driving. We have a fee for online courses that are not part of their NUAMES experience, but are for make-up credit or going above and beyond. Sue asked what percent of our students are taking driver ed. It is actually a high percentage. Most of our students take it and very few take it elsewhere.

Motion to approve the Proposed Fee Schedule SY23: Dave Ferro. Second: Sue Johnson. All in favor.

FY21 Audit Report: Nate Taggart

Opinion on Compliance (Squire & Co.)

“In our opinion, Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science complied, in all material respects, with the state compliance requirements referred to above for the year ended June 30, 2021.”

The auditors had one finding: We have a summer SPED program provided by the state and have been including that with expenditures with the state. As they tightened it up, they requested that we do that separately.

All Board members received a copy of the audit.

Sue asked how many people on our team were involved in the audit. Nate acknowledged that it's a team effort. Many of the things they require are asked the day of the audit so it's difficult to prepare. Everyone plays a part. We will stay with Squire & Co. They are also connected with Davis School District.

Motion that Board has received the audit: Laurie Larsen. Second, Fran Bradshaw. All in favor.

COVID Update: Nate Taggart/Mindy Nelson

We have had an uptick in Covid this school year. The most we have had was 8 which was last year at this time. Omicron is hitting hard. We know that in the next couple of weeks, we will see cases like never before. Davis

campus is up to 12, North has 3 cases. We have the three-day weekend coming up and that will help. We are taking all the precautions we can. We are still reminding parents to keep sick students home. Our teachers have been amazing. When students have been good to let them know that they will. The teachers help them to stay up to date.

Covid Effect: Kelli Booth

Covid definitely has an effect on student learning. This is the first year where we have students who are attending, and are NOT engaging in the work. It's a Covid effect. They don't want to dig in. It's mostly with 10th graders coming off Jr. High - not coming from rigorous learning. It's mostly with Math. We will be seeing these effects for years to come.

We have found that with Covid, education wasn't the priority. Health and safety were the priority. Now we are doing our best to bring up the priority to learning again. We are adding study essentials and reading essential classes. Trying to intensify the learning while students are on campus. We have never had failing grades NOT correlate with student attendance. It's a challenge to overcome everywhere. Every school is dealing with this exact problem. We are taking it seriously, but we may be in this pattern for the next couple of years. We are back into the high standards of achievement. We will stand by our four pillars.

- Small School Environment
- Focus on STEM
- Teaching Excellence
- University Partnership

Early College deep dive by the numbers: Dawn Winter

Participation in early college has gone down. Below is the breakdown in the numbers who are participating.

NUAMES DAVIS

204 students
15% -1 class
38% -2 classes
30% -3 or more
16% - lost scholarship (only 5 students had 3 or more classes)

NUAMES NORTH

83 students
17% -1 class
38% -2 classes
32% -3 or more
12% -lost scholarship

- If a student drops below the mark, they must pay back scholarship money. The percentages from both campuses are similar. Some lost their scholarship because of GPA. They do have a chance to get the scholarship back except on part of the second semester seniors – who will finish. Also, if they don't pay back the scholarship they lost, they cannot get the scholarship for the following semester until the fee is paid. They can also lose the scholarship if they unofficially withdraw from the class and will have to reimburse the scholarship. At times the stress of college can get the best of them.
- Just because you have a high intellect, does not isolate you from making mistakes in life's ventures. Over all, there are less students participating. Because of Covid, many don't want to push themselves.
- We have plenty of students participating in Concurrent Enrollment classes. We just don't have as many students in Early College. The percentages have held. Students who qualify for the scholarship are mostly doing very well.

Lottery Update: Brenda Casper

These are our numbers at present:

- Davis has accepted 230 (251 applied) We currently have 234 Seniors - Next year total will be 732
- North has accepted 150 (178 applied) We currently have 115 Seniors – Next year we would be at 447

We will have more students apply so these numbers will change and go up. We will have the information nights which will make numbers go up after their questions have been answered.

Open Meetings Act: Nate Taggart

There is now an open meeting act training. It is very straight forward. It's a 7.5-minute video you watch and then a 5-question test. The survey at the end of the training almost takes more time than the training. Nate will send an email to the Board with the link.

New Building Update: Steve Davis

We are excited to see the new building coming to fruition. Kelli and Steve took a tour and they are happy with it. With the growth in enrollment, North will need to hire 4 more teachers at their Campus.

Upcoming Calendar:

- January 14th – End of Semester
- January 19th – Information Night NN
- January 20th – Information Night ND

Questions/Public Comment:

We would love to find a time for the board to tour the new building.

Sue mentioned what a remarkable job NUAMES Administration has done to keep school, students and teachers safe. There is a tremendous amount to be proud of.

Schedule Next Meeting:

Our next NUAMES Board Meeting will be held:
March 15, 2022 at 10:00 am - Hopefully in person

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion to Adjourn: Fran Bradshaw. Second: Elizabeth Veillon. All in favor.