



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

10:00 am – Meeting Via ZOOM – March 15, 2022

Conducting: Sue Johnson – Board President

Attending: Sue Johnson, Linda Carver, Elizabeth Veillon, Fran Bradshaw, Dave Ferro, Laurie Larsen, Jeremy Shinoda, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Dawn Winter, Steve Davis, Brenda Casper, Vickie Finlinson

Welcome: Sue Johnson

Action Item: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2022: Sue Johnson

Motion to approve minutes from meeting held on January 11, 2022: Laurie Larsen. Second, Fran Bradshaw. All in favor.

Action Item: Board of Trustees Bylaws - Kelli Booth

These Bylaws were updated in 2013, but we do not have it on record. We would like to update these Bylaws using today's date. We also propose to change the wording "Business Community Member **and/or** Parent", instead of "and Parent".

Motion to approve the NUAMES Bylaws, Sue Johnson. Second, Linda Carver. All in favor.

Action Item: SY23 Yearly Calendar - Brenda Casper

Attached is the proposed calendar for SY2022/23. This is based off Davis School District's calendar.

- Total number of days = 180
- Total hours = 1,024 (990 hours required)

Motion to approve SY23 Calendar: Linda Carver. Second, Laurie Larson. All in favor.

Information Item: New Courses – Dawn Winter

The newest course we have added this year is the collaborative course, FYE (First Year Experience). USBE is in the process of approving this class as a CE course. We have been piloting it with Weber State. This course has integrated with access to WSU services. If a student wants to do something in particular at WSU, they have access to this information and the services. This class works with different personalities and learning styles, and gives students direction as to how to prioritize, etc. Students love this class! It's powerful to have kids make the association with WSU during their Sophomore year so they are confident in WSU going on with their junior and senior years.

The new courses we will offer next year are:

- Chemistry 110/1115 – NUAMES North
- Latinos In Action (LIA) – NUAMES North
- CE English 2200 – NUAMES North
- Material Science – NUAMES North

We are also offering a Career Lift-Off Interest Inventory. Our Career Services – another service of WSU. We are coordinating a Sophomore Conference based on this interest inventory. Students will be directed to

sessions of interest - taught by people they are interested in. All Sophomores will be on the Ogden Campus for this Purple Carpet Event with Weber State University.

Information Item: Assessment – Steve Davis

Steve offered a review of assessment.

- ACT and SRI Scores remained stable with a slight increase
- ASPIRE (10th grade test) dropped in all three areas

There is a plan to address this drop as follows:

- Administration and Department meetings were held and scheduled to address this drop
- Intervention classes have been created
- Departments have been using benchmark testing throughout the year

We are seeing learning loss with 10th graders. We also see that we have made up the gap in the following two years with our juniors and seniors. They are doing well.

Information Item: SY23 New Hires – Steve Davis

We are excited to have hired some new teachers for next school year. These teachers will teach at NUAMES North Campus.

- Math – Trey Gunderson
- English – Therese Holland
- Chemistry – Ashley Wade
- Math – Sara Putnam

Information Item: Noorda Building Update – Steve Davis

Steve showed and explained some pictures of the new building and gave an update. It is still on schedule to be completed by Fall 2022. They are looking at a time, as soon as possible, to have the Board walk through the new building. We could also possibly have a board meeting in the new building. Steve expressed appreciation to Board for their support.

Information item: Update on Charter Amendment for Distance Learning Program – Kelli Booth

- NUAMES application was submitted with student learning data
- In meeting with Jennifer Lambert, Marie Stephensen and Brendan McGin, NUAMES was told to proceed as if it has had final approval
- Future requirements by NUAMES:
 - Student progress update
 - Communication with NUAMES Board

This is a courtesy learning application. We met with the State Board of Education regarding this. Our update should go through. This allows us to have the “C Day” in our schedule going forward. We have appreciated our “C Days” which have helped with learning gaps caused by COVID.

Letter of Concern: Kelli Booth

We received a “letter of concern” regarding the titles describing our Board Members on the NUAMES Website. We have updated the Board titles on the website. Most schools had suggestions for these types of changes. The Charter Board will work on changing this procedure, as they received lots of negative feedback. Most schools felt that this change could have been fixed with a phone call to the school, instead of a letter of concern. The Charter wanted more descriptive titles for our Board Members.

COVID Update: Nate Taggart

The good news is that we have gone 3 weeks without a Covid case on either campus! Nate receives the Covid update each evening regarding Covid cases tracked by the Health Department. We are the only high school that has not had to go to ONLINE learning because of Covid. Our threshold was 30. We came close, but never got to 30. We made it through! We are hoping things will continue as they are and we can get through the rest of the school year. Our school has not been untouched by Covid, however. We have two teachers with long-term complications. All in all, the school is doing well. We look forward to having a regular graduation and finishing the year strong.

Legislative Update: Nate Taggart

Legislative session has finished. Nate summed it up as a good session for us.

- There will be \$383M ongoing revenue. This is up three percent
- There will be a 6% bump to WPU (weighted pupil unit)
- Something nice, and not expected with legislative session was a \$64M paid professional hours for teachers. Teachers can, on their own, get professional development and be paid to do so. Great teachers always want to learn more and expand their learning. This gives them a great opportunity to do this and be paid for it.
- House bill 211 – to eliminate curricular fees in schools. It was felt that this would be a huge burden if they couldn't turn curricular fees. We only charge for ART programs. We have worked hard to keep fees down.
- Two curriculum transparency bills failed:
 - Wanted teachers to provide what curriculum they would use
 - Wanted teachers to show what their lesson plans were ahead of time. This would have caused undo stress for teachers. So much of what our teachers are doing is fluid. Yes, they have an idea of what is going to be taught on a Friday, but as the world changes, so do the lesson plans.
- Hope Scholarship. This was soundly defeated.
- Passed: Talk of eligibility for transgender students to play high school sports. Last day, they ramped it up and passed it. Governor Cox has promised he will VETO it.
- Passed: State Board to develop a rule what can and cannot be taught about diversity, equity and inclusion. This is in response to Critical Race Theory. We don't teach CRT, but we will jump through hoops as this comes.
- More money will be given for full-day kindergarten. This is mostly for kids who have not been taught by parents at home. It makes a huge difference to student's future success. 30% of Utah is in all-day K.
- Money was given to increase reading proficiency by the third grade. This is fantastic.

NUAMES Happenings: Dawn Winter

It's a busy time of the year:

- March 4: College Tour. Attended by all Juniors – we had our own tour on each campus. Students had access to all University admissions officers on both campuses. This was a great event for our students.
- March 11: ACT test for Juniors
- March 15 and March 16: USBE Special Education Audit – 8 members will come tonight for a parent meeting and tomorrow for observation and interviews with staff.
- March 24: Sophomore Conference – both campuses will be at Weber State University Ogden Campus.
- April 14: Fly-by for all incoming Sophomores. We are in the thick of course requests.
- Registration for next school year.
- Information Nights – We are holding more of these for students who are still deciding

- Graduation sign-offs

Lottery Update: Brenda Casper

Brenda reviewed lottery numbers:

DAVIS:

290 Applied
268 Accepted
7 Pending

NORTH:

221 Applied
199 Accepted
7 Pending

Next Year:

255 Sophomores: 255
263 Juniors
220 Seniors

738 TOTAL DAVIS

Next Year:

189 Sophomores
155 Juniors
142 Seniors

486 TOTAL NORTH

These figures are symbolic. This says the word-of-mouth regarding NUAMES is tremendous. Better education rises everyone. Kelli Booth mentioned a nice experience with a Syracuse Facebook Page. This group is called the Syracuse Citizen Group. There was a question: What do people think of NUAMES? There were 15-16 replies that were very positive – people talking about what a blessing it was in their lives that their children can come to NUAMES. We are doing great things for kids! Two of the comments were from parents who have students in special education at NUAMES. We feel that we are providing a good education for everyone.

Questions/Public Comment:

Comment by our Board President – Sue Johnson:

Executive Director, Kelli Booth received a letter from Governor Spencer Cox. She is the recipient of the Governors’ Medal for Science and Technology 2022.

The State of Utah has given this medal every year in one of the following three categories:

- Industry
- Innovation out of Universities
- Innovation out of K-12

Kelli will be recognized at the state conference in the Grand America Hotel on May 10th. This is an honor for Kelli and the whole NUAMES community. Sue is thrilled about this recognition, as it is a prestigious award for our Principal. She received quantifying and deserving letters from:

- President Brad Mortensen – President of Weber State University (and parent of NUAMES student)
- Syd Dickson – Utah State Superintendent
- Dave Ferro – Dean of College of Engineering, Weber State University
- Katrina Smith – NUAMES Chemistry Teacher

Teachers can do their best work because of the environment created by NUAMES administration.

Next NUAMES Board Meeting: May 17, 2022 10:00 am

Adjourn Meeting: Sue Johnston

Motion to adjourn meeting: Linda Carver. **Second, Fran Bradshaw. All in favor.**