



# The Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering & Science

## Board of Trustees Meeting

November 12, 2024

**Attending:** Sue Johnson, Jessica Oyler, Dave Ferro, Michelle Beus, Mary McKinley, Becky Frost, Kelli Booth, Nate Taggart, Dawn Winter, Steve Davis, Meghan Dunning, Vickie Finlinson, (NUAMES DAVIS Student Government Officers: Kathrine Houghton and Merrick Johnson)

**Welcome:** Board President, Susan Johnson

### ACTION ITEMS:

- **MEETING MINUTES:** Sue Johnson  
**Motion to approve Minutes from September 10, 2024:** Jessica Oyler. **Second:** Becky Frost. **All in favor.**
  
- **GIFTED AND TALENTED GRANT:**  
We are required to report to the Board how our Gifted and Talented Grant funds are used. See below:
  - NUAMES uses the grant funds for teacher salaries and benefits (science teachers). NUAMES' focus is to increase Hispanic student success in NUAMES honors science courses in an effort to reduce the non-pass rate by 5%.**Motion to approve the way we are spending our Gifted and Talented Grant:** Jessica Oyler. **Second:** Mary McKinley. **All in favor.**

### INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **SYSTEM ACCREDITATION CANDIDACY VISIT:** Kelli Booth
  - We spent a day with COGNIA, which is the company who facilitates our accreditation. This process is in 2 parts. There was one individual who came to tour NUAMES. She researched us and gave us 127 Articles of Evidence, which Kelli will share with the Board. This individual interviewed all administrators. In the Spring, when she returns for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of accreditation, she will meet with teachers, students and parent groups.
  - This is called a System Accreditation because we are now a "System" with two campuses. Each campus has its own school number and we are a LEA with two separate schools. We do this accreditation every 5 years. They do not tour each classroom. Kelli determined which classes she attended. Because we are now a System, the price went up significantly for this accreditation.
  - Our guest could not believe a school like NUAMES exists. She was very impressed with everything she saw and read. She is excited to return in the Spring to finish this process. Our accreditation committee did such a wonderful job preparing for this process and we were ready.
  
- **SCHOOL SAFETY BILL:** Nate Taggart
  - There were some major components for each school's safety assessment. We had the Weber and Davis County Sheriff Departments, as well as representatives from Weber State University in this process. They had 128 questions for the buildings on campus. Questions such as, "How long will the generators work for backing up in each building". There were many questions, and we are very happy to be affiliated with WSU, a college campus. They were a great help in answering all the questions, along with us. The assessments on both campuses went well. Our school is different because we are here on a college campus. There are things such as having an intercom system, which we don't have. These will all go into the report to the Legislature. They will be able to see how much money will be needed to implement all these upgrades.

- Everyone is required to have a full-time SBO or a “guardian” on campus who carries a weapon. This “guardian” must have a full back-ground check, psychological evaluation and 40 hours of training before they can “carry” on campus. Each school should also be equipped with panic buttons for help as well as the armed individual (guardian).
- Each of our campuses has a Safety Coordinator. Mindy Nelson is over North Campus and Jamie Froerer is over the Davis Campus. Nate Taggart is the LEA Safety Specialist.

➤ **FINAL SY24 UTAH SCHOOL REPORT CARD:** Steve Davis

- The information below is Public Information. We see that NUAMES Davis is still #1 and NUAMES North is still #4. Every public school is on this list. The list below only shows those who are closest to our scores. The entire list may be viewed on the State website.

	Achmnt (56)	Grwth (56)	LQ Growth (25)	GR pnts (30)	ACT points (25)	ACT Score (25)	Post rdnss (25)	Total Score (212)	Overall total	Ranking	Percent Ranking
<b>NUAMES D</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>.9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>181.4</b>	<b>85.57%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.00%</b>
UCAS	42.4	38.3	19	24.6	23.5	0.94	25	172.8	81.51%	2	0.10%
INTECH	43.9	36	18.8	25	23.1	0.92	25	171.8	81.04%	3	0.20%
<b>NUAMES N</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>169.8</b>	<b>80.09%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.30%</b>
SCCSS	43.3	32.1	16.7	23.6	23	0.92	25	163.7	77.22%	5	0.40%
LAUNCH	40.1	31.4	17.7	24	22.3	0.89	19.3	154.8	73.02%	12	1.10%
K. Msr	35.5	31.1	17.9	24.5	23.2	0.93	22.6	154.8	73.02%	13	1.20%
Am. Prep	36.6	37.8	20.1	21.9	21.7	0.87	18	160.6	71.38%	18	1.80%
AMES	32.8	33.2	17.6	23.5	21.8	0.87	23.5	155.9	69.29%	28	2.80%
VG	28.9	32.8	20.3	25	14.1	0.56	25	146.1	68.92%	31	3.10%
SKYLINE	34.2	32.8	16.7	23.4	20.3	0.81	22.7	154.7	68.76%	33	3.30%

➤ **APPEL PROGRAM/AUDIT:** Steve Davis

- The list below shows which of our teachers are working in the APPEL program. We appreciate this opportunity our teachers must finish their requirements even though they didn’t receive the traditional teaching degree.

APPEL Summary						
Name	Area	Program	Required Completion	Status	DATE	Notes
Kitamura, Joel	Art	APPEL	Jun-25	WSU Program	APPEL	Target completion 1/25
Carter, Lyndsay	Comm.	APPEL (8/22)	Aug-25	Waiting Approval PPA may be need		<b>Professional License earned</b>
Phoung, Hev	Bus/CS	APPEL (6/24)	Jun-24	Taking Classes		Target completion 6/25
Huffaker, Staci	Counselor	Grow Your Own		Enrolled in GYO		Target completion 12/24
Davenport, Natalie	History	APT/APPEL	23-Jun	Working w/ USBE		<b>Professional License earned</b>
Waldrip, Jenny	Eng/Nutrit	LEA -S	26-Jun	Starting plan Fall 24		LEA Specific ongoing
Coulum, Emily	Math	APPEL	25-Jun	Continue from LCA		DPPA + classes needed 6/26
Stout, April	PE	APPEL	26-Jun	Continue From MOJH		Target completion 6/25
Wade, Ashley	Chem	Out of State/API	27-Jun	Appeal to USBE		<b>Professional License earned</b>

- **EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER:** Kelli Booth
  - NUAMES has implemented an Employee Newsletter which is shared with only the Faculty and Staff of our campuses. It is a fun way for our teachers to stay connected to life events, tips, and experiences they are having.
  
- **NUAMES EVENTS:** Kelli Booth
  - **STEM FAIR:** We participated in the STEM fair. Jr. High and High School students attend. Schools bring buses for students who want to attend the STEM Fair. We had 3 tables there. One table was for our Engineering teachers who showed 3D printing and had robots there on display and working. Michelle Christensen talked about CTE courses. Our counselors were there with Dawn Winter talking about enrollment and why students need to attend NUAMES. There was swag and giveaways. We were there with our flags, tablecloths, balloons and swag. NUAMES was very well represented.
  - **NUAMES HALLOWEEN DANCE:** This dance was very well represented and was held at the Copper Nickel in Ogden.
  - **WEBER STATE FOOTBALL TAILGATE PARTY:** Some of our faculty and administration participated to get students engaged in our tailgate party. It was before the football game, and they handed out nachos. It was lots of fun for our students.
  - **ANNUAL JR. HIGH COUNSELOR'S LUNCHEON:** Each year, our counselors hold a Counselor's Luncheon where all Jr. High School counselors are invited to learn more about NUAMES. Lunch is served and swag is given. A presentation is given explaining the PROS of NUAMES and it is something counselors look forward to each year. It's a great time to inform them, so they can encourage students from their schools to come to NUAMES. It's important for us to get this information out into the schools.
  - **NUAMES INFORMATION NIGHTS:** We held two information nights. One at each campus. These are also informative for students anticipating coming to NUAMES, or for students trying to decide if NUAMES is a good fit for them. Our Rooms are always filled with standing room only. We will have another one at each campus in February.
  - **CAPSTONE MENTORING AND PROJECTS:** NUAMES Davis Student Government Officers, Rin Houghton and Merrick Johnson spoke about their Capstone projects and how they have influenced what they want to do in the future. Merrick wants to go into the medical field. Rin enjoyed her internship opportunity at HAFB, where she was able to work in Computer Science and Cyber Security. She appreciates our Internship Coordinator, Kristi Belliston. Kristi finds internship opportunities for our students and does a magnificent job for us.
  
- **LOTTERY:** Kelli Booth
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>NUAMES NORTH:</b> Total Applications: 89 Completed: 68 In Process: 7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>NUAMES DAVIS:</b> Total Applications – 178 Completed 110 In Process 68</li> </ul>
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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **MARKETING:** Steve Davis
  - Geo-fencing online ads
  - Information nights
  - Advertising in movie theatres before holiday movies
  - Revamping mailers
  - Magazine
  - Increasing online offerings (including CE)
  - We are also considering a schedule adjustment (online Fridays)
  - Short stories on social media accounts
  - Allowing Sophomores to participate in early college Spring semester
  - Mary McKinley suggested more:
    - It takes 7 impressions for someone who sees your name to remember it. She suggested putting students in more parades and possibly a display at Christmas Village. Rin Houghton added that

our Interact Club is associated with the Rotary Club and our students serve Hot Chocolate at Christmas Village.

- Brenda Casper thought it was a good idea to put a NUAMES cup sleeve over the hot chocolate and have our kids wear swag to represent NUAMES. She also spoke of the NUAMES swag that will be displayed in the WSU Bookstore. This is attire WSU makes, and markets with NUAMES' name/logo on the clothing.

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

➤ **UPCOMING BOARD MEETING:** January 14, 2025. 10:00 am - NUAMES North

➤ **ADJOURN MEETING:**

**Motion to Adjourn: Mary McKinley. Second: Michelle Beus. All in favor.**