

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Special Teleconference Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

2251 North Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona, 86025

Governing Board Members Present via Telephone by Roll Call: Chairman A.T. Siquah, Bill Jeffers, Daniel Peaches, and Dr. Kem MacNeille.

Staff Present: President, Dr. Jeanne Swarthout; Vice President, Dr. Eric Henderson; Vice President, Mark Vest; Vice President, Blaine Hatch; Director of Information Services, John Velat; Recording Secretary to the Board, Brandy Shumway.

Others present via Telephone: Everett Robinson and NPC Support Center.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chairman Siquah called the meeting to order at 9:35a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Kem MacNeille moved to adopt the agenda. Daniel Peaches seconded the motion. *The vote was unanimous in the affirmative by roll call.*

Agenda Item 3: Invitation of Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item 4: New Business

4.A. - Request Approval to Lease Computers – John Velat

John Velat presented Staff's recommendation for approval to lease 250 computers from Celtic Leasing for a term of three years with an annual payment of \$91,483.51. Mr. Velat stated that NPC had leased computers in past years but that there was no lease cycle last year. He also stated that a comprehensive study was conducted by staff before consideration was given to leasing options.

In response to Board questions, Mr. Velat stated that a college-wide computer inventory had been conducted recently and staff plans to cycle all computers every three years to keep up with new technology and software applications. Mr. Velat stated that Hewlett-Packard, under warranty, would provide support service and that leasing versus purchasing was standard at many universities and colleges. Mr. Velat stated that the lease agreement included the disposal of equipment. Mr. Velat stated that Information Technology (IT) Staff recently disposed of outdated computer equipment at an approximate cost from \$10 - \$50 per item. He stated that after three years, a computer essentially has a residual value of zero dollars and that it was a manpower and cost burden on the college to try to maintain outdated equipment. He stated that the replacement plan addressed needs identified by students and staff.

Board discussion included renting versus owning equipment, time value of money, trade-in values, disposal costs, benefits of equipment upgrades, and technology changes.

Responding to Board questions, Vice President Hatch stated that a lease agreement addresses disposal costs which could be a significant liability. Mr. Hatch stated that he supported Staff's recommendation for a lease. He stated that the agreement was a true fair market value lease and that a lease agreement provided a stable expenditure level for budgeting.



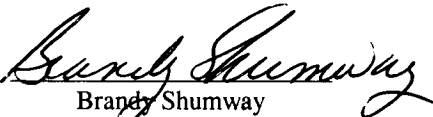
Responding to Board questions, Mr. Velat stated that the majority of the leased computers would be accessible for student use in labs and libraries and that very few faculty members would get new computers under this lease agreement. He stated that computers would be replaced based on age.

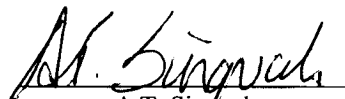
Daniel Peaches moved to approve Staff's recommendation. Kem MacNeille seconded the motion. Chairman Siquah called for a roll call vote. **The motion passed by a majority vote of three to one.**


Agenda Item 5: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15a.m. upon a motion by Daniel Peaches, a second by Bill Jeffers, and a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Brandy Shumway
Recording Secretary to the Board


A.T. Siquah
Chairman


Kem MacNeille
Secretary to the Board

