Chairman Daniel Peaches called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Mr. Peaches led the Board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Peaches welcomed the visitors.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Neal Thompson moved to adopt the agenda. Paul Reynolds seconded the motion, and the agenda was accepted by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Bill Jeffers and seconded by Neal Thompson, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2006, the Executive Session #1 for Legal Advice of January 17, 2006 and the Executive Session #2 for Legal Advice were unanimously approved.
NEW BUSINESS

A) Request to Approve an Agreement to Deliver College Level Classes at Blue Ridge Unified School District #32
B) Request to Approve an Agreement to Deliver College Level Classes at Snowflake Unified School District #5

The two high school agreements continue arrangements to deliver college classes to high schools in the NPC service area. Paul Reynolds made the motion to approve the two agreements and Norris Baldwin seconded the motion. The agreements were approved by a unanimous vote.

C) Request to Approve the 2006-2007 Academic Calendar

For the last academic year the calendar used a fifteen plus one exam week schedule. The 2006-2007 calendar was approved unanimously after a motion by Norris Baldwin and a second by Neal Thompson. The 06-07 calendar returns the academic year to a seventeen week schedule as used in the past.

D) Request to Revise the Silver Creek Campus Roadway Easement

NPC granted a highway easement through the Silver Creek Campus to provide access to the Silver Creek Senior Citizen Center in 1985. This old easement needs to be extinguished and a new one granted because of campus growth. Paul Reynolds made the motion to approve the proposed new easement with a second from Bill Jeffers. It was discussed that the right of way should not be a public easement and the staff was questioned about other options for the easement rather than through the campus. After a vote of three nays and one aye, the motion was made by Bill Jeffers to table the item until more research could be done on the proposed right of way. Norris Baldwin seconded that motion, and the vote was three ayes and one nay. Mr. Thompson also requested a procedure to regulate how the college researches and prepares to build new facilities.

E) Request to Approve Building Lease with Northland Pioneer College Foundation

The Northland Pioneer College Foundation owns the building and parking lot where the NPC District Office is located. A lease to provide for continuing use of the facility was approved unanimously. Neal Thompson made the motion to approve the lease and Paul Reynolds the second. In exchange for the use of the facility, the college employs the Executive Director for the Foundation and provides office space and supplies.

F) Request to Designate Surplus Property

The Northland Pioneer College travel coach, a Greyhound Bus of 1978 vintage, was designated surplus property upon a motion by Bill Jeffers and a second by Neal
Thompson. The bus has become increasingly expensive to operate and its performance and use are diminishing. For the few times such transportation is required a charter bus service would fill the need.

G) Request to Approve Agreements for Providing Consulting Services through the Center for Applied Research in Education

A request to begin a partnership with the Center for Applied Research in Education was approved with a vote of three ayes and Neal Thompson abstained. Bill Jeffers made the motion and Norris Baldwin the second to approve the partnership and its purpose will be to conduct grant writing and grant administration services primarily in the field of health care. NPC will review and approve grant proposals, receive direct compensation for their role as the contractor and create opportunities for NPC student involvement such as internships and part time jobs.

H) Request to Approve Vendor Vouchers for Payment

Approval of the vouchers for payment was unanimous. Bill Jeffers made the motion to approve and Paul Reynolds made the second.

At 10:25 am the motion was made by Neal Thompson to move into an executive session as provided for by ARS §38-431.03 A (4) to have a consultation for legal advice concerning the Blunk estate. The vote was unanimous and the Board entered into executive session. It concluded at 11:15 am.

I) Possible Action Concerning Executive Session: Blunk Estate

No action was taken at the conclusion of the executive session.

At 11:20 am Paul Reynolds made the motion to begin an executive session as provided for by ARS §38-431.03 A (1) to consider the applications for president. At 1:00 pm the session was concluded.

J) Possible Action Concerning Executive Session: Employment of President

A motion was made by Bill Jeffers and seconded by Paul Reynolds to authorize Mr. Neal Thompson to make an offer and begin contract negotiations with an unnamed finalist. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Thompson expressed his appreciation to the college search committee for their work and professional recommendation. He also suggested that the Board may wish to write an official letter of thanks to the committee.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board was tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm upon a motion by Neal Thompson and a second by Norris Baldwin.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terri Tubbs
Recording Secretary to the Board

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Daniel Peaches
Chairman

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Neal Thompson
Secretary to the Board