

**NORTHWEST COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
December 1, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board President JIM VOGT; Vice President/Secretary CAROLYN DANKO; and Trustees MARTY COE, GLORIA HEDDERMAN and JIM SESSIONS.

OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTATIVE DEBBIE HAMMONS; SENATOR GERALD GEIS; DR. PAUL PRESTWICH, President; and MR. MARK KITCHEN, Vice President for College Relations.

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Northwest College Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 9:15 a.m. at the Brass Plum restaurant in Worland, Wyoming.

A APPROVE THE AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

INFORMAL BREAKFAST WITH BIG HORN BASIN LEGISLATORS: President Prestwich introduced the *2009 Institutional Fact Card* and spoke of Northwest College's enrollment growth and its impact on the campus. Summarizing the system of colleges' 2010 Legislative Agenda detailed in a brochure recently printed by the system of colleges, Dr. Prestwich focused on requests for the standard budget continuation, enrollment growth funding and the Wyoming Investment in Nursing program. He highlighted the tremendous enrollment growth seen among the state's colleges and the challenges they face in providing programs and services in a financial environment where revenues are declining.

In addition to enrollment growth, topics introduced and discussed by Trustees and Legislators included unpredictable revenue from the seven college districts given the volatility of county valuations, outreach centers/colleges in Gillette and Laramie, the Hathaway Scholarship Program, concurrent enrollment and where NWC students transfer.

Trustees thanked the two south Big Horn Basin legislators for their time and attendance at the breakfast meeting. It should be noted that Representative Lorraine Quarberg was unable to attend the breakfast meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, in the Trapper Room of the DeWitt Student Center beginning with a study session at 3 p.m. which starts in the College Relations Office and concludes in Printing Services.

A ADJOURNMENT **The special meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.**