

**NORTHWEST COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2009**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTATIVES DAVE BONNER, PAT CHILDERS, ELAINE HARVEY AND COLIN SIMPSON; SENATORS HANK COE AND RAY PETERSON; 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, November 17, 2009, at 12 noon in the ORB Lounge.

A APPROVE THE AGENDA: **A motion was made by Trustee Coe and seconded by Trustee Hedderman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**INFORMAL LUNCHEON
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 how the community colleges' block grant is distributed, unpredictable revenue from the seven college districts given the volatility of county valuations, the state's recapture/redistribution program, outreach centers/colleges in Gillette and Laramie, and the Hathaway Scholarship Program.

Trustees thanked the six north Big Horn Basin legislators for their time and attendance at the lunch 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 1:23 p.m.**