Chairperson Harvey led the assembly in pledging their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The Northeast Board of Governors met for its regular session Board Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2008. Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Norfolk Daily News on Friday, December 5, 2008. Chairperson Harvey declared the meeting convened at 3:05 p.m., in Suites C & D of the Lifelong Learning Center, with roll call being taken and a quorum present.

**AREA BOARD**
- Keith Harvey, Chairperson ..............................................................Present
- Nanci Lingenfelter, Vice-Chairperson ...................................................Present
- John Winkleblack, Secretary ...............................................................Present
- Steven M. Anderson ........................................................................Present
- Ken Echtenkamp ..............................................................................Present
- Marlin Meisinger .............................................................................Present
- Don Oelsligle ..................................................................................Present
- Van Phillips ......................................................................................Present
- Larry Poessnecker ........................................................................Present
- Clarence Schmitt ..............................................................................Present
- Jack Warrick ..................................................................................Present

**OTHERS PRESENT**
- Dr. Bill Path, President
- Lynne Koski, Vice President of Administrative Services
- Dr. Karen Severson, Vice President of Student Services
- Mary Honke, Vice President of Institutional Advancement
- Dave Ptak, General Counsel and Vice President of Human Resources
- Janelle Gerhardt, Media Relations Director
- Diane Reikofski, Board Recording Secretary
- Grace Peterson, Norfolk Daily News
- Susan Risinger, WJAG/KEXL
- Matthew Meyer, US92
- Craig Ernesti, KHWK/Hawk TV
Nanci Lingenfelter MOVED and Ken Echtenkamp SECONDED the motion to adopt the Agenda of the December 11, 2008 meeting as distributed.

**Voting Yes:** Anderson, Echtenkamp, Harvey, Lingenfelter, Meisinger, Oelsligle, Phillips, Poessnecker, Schmitt, Warrick, and Winkleblack

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** None

MOTION CARRIED

Chairperson Harvey noted that a copy of the Open Meetings law is posted on the tables near the back of the room. No constituents were in attendance to address the board with a public comment.

Clarence Schmitt MOVED and Van Phillips SECONDED the motion to approve the Minutes of the meetings of November 13, 2008 as follows:

1. Regular Meeting
2. Legislative Committee Meeting
3. Education Services Committee Meeting
4. Human Resources Committee Meeting

**Voting Yes:** Echtenkamp, Harvey, Lingenfelter, Meisinger, Oelsligle, Phillips, Poessnecker, Schmitt, Warrick, Winkleblack, and Anderson

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** None

MOTION CARRIED

Wesley Prater, SGA president, reported that the SGA is finishing up with their Christmas plans and will be going to the Veteran’s Home to deliver tie blankets and cookies to residents who do not have family in the area. The Student Leadership Development Series (SLDS) will be held on January 27th and will include RAs/SAs, Student Government, Student Ambassadors, and the
Student Activities Council. A Welcome Back Breakfast will be held on January 14 from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Karen Severson reported that an International Coffee was held on November 25th to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month. The coffee featured Gary Robinette, an American Indian storyteller. The “Take a Walk on the Wild Side” Animal Medicine Career Day was held on November 20th with 59 students in attendance. A workshop was held on November 18th in order to provide information on “Community with and About People with Disabilities.” The Red Cross Blood Drive was held on December 3rd with 103 units of blood being collected.

Mary Honke reported Educational Services items including a report that the speech and debate team continues to excel. To date, the team of five has brought home 56 trophies. Michael Lynch, NECC Art instructor, received a Board of Directors award, and will be serving as “artist in residence” at the Kimmel Harking Nelson Center for the Arts in Nebraska City from December 12 through December 19. Julie Ptacek-Wilkey, NECC English instructor, has had a poem published in *In Other Words* for the fourth consecutive year.

The Electromechanical and Electrical departments have received 32 electrical items from Beef Products, Inc., in SSC. Estimated value of the components is approximately $12,000.

Laminated Wood Systems of Seward, NE has donated two new 45 ft. class three square laminated wood poles with an estimated value of $450 each. They will provide the opportunity for students to experience work on square poles in addition to the traditional round wood and metal poles.

Dr. Bill Path recognized board members Marlin Meisinger, At-Large, and John Winkleblack, District V, for their dedicated service to Northeast Community College. Both have committed time to Northeast and sacrificed time from jobs and families to serve Northeast Community College. A recognition plaque was presented to Mr. Meisinger and Mr. Winkleblack for their service.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Van Phillips thanked Marlin Meisinger and John Winkleblack for their dedication to this institution. People don’t see all that goes on behind the scenes, but these two gentlemen always had the best interest of the students at heart and giving students an opportunity for an affordable education. Mr. Phillips MOVED to publically thank Mr. Meisinger and Mr. Winkleblack for their dedication and service to Northeast Community College, the patrons, and students of the 20 counties that comprise this community college. Don Oelsligle SECONED the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Harvey, Lingenfelter, Oelsligle, Phillips, Poessnecker, Schmitt, Warrick, Anderson, and Echtenkamp

**Voting No:** None
Abstain: Meisinger and Winkleblack

Absent: None

The Education Report for December was provided by Connie Sixta, Alumni and Resource Development Coordinator, who provided an update on alumni.

Dennis Baack, NCCA Executive Director, indicated that the Association is currently in some trying times and complimented Larry Poessnecker and Don Oelsligr for doing a good job representing Northeast Community College. In the 2009 legislative session, the community college legislative agenda will include a sole request to increase the amount of state aid by $11,077,000 for FY 2009-2010 and $12,737,000 for FY 2010-2011. Mr. Baack indicated that he anticipates the governor and the legislature will be very conservative.

Larry Poessnecker and Don Oelsligr, NCCA representatives, reported that they attended the November NCCA board meeting and conducted a positive performance review of Mr. Baack and renewed his contract.

John Winkleblack, Chairperson of the Facilities Committee, MOVED to authorize the preparation of final plans and specifications and the development of necessary bid documents for the College Center at South Sioux City project with the bids for the project to be received no later than the June 2009 board meeting. Van Phillips SECONDED the motion.

Voting Yes: Lingenfelter, Meisinger, Oelsligr, Phillips, Poessnecker, Schmitt, Warrick, Winkleblack, Anderson, Echtenkamp, and Harvey

Voting No: None

Absent: None

Lynne Koski, Vice President of Administrative Services, presented the Monthly Financial Report after which Ken Echtenkamp MOVED and Nanci Lingenfelter SECONDED the motion to acknowledge and approve the Monthly Financial Report for November 30, 2008 and the claims paid in November 2008, except for Green Line Equipment, as follows:

- General Fund .......................................................... $1,381,986.36
- Auxiliary Fund ...................................................... $ 124,791.96
- Restricted Fund ..................................................... $ 152,049.00
- Building Fund Restricted ....................................... $ 839,735.90
- Agency Fund ....................................................... $ 10,584.55
Payroll Fund ............................................................... $ 996,791.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID ................................................. $3,505,938.77
TOTAL INVESTMENTS ............................................. $ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES ............................................. $3,505,938.77


Voting No:  None

Absent:  None

MOTION CARRIED

10368

Don Oelsligle MOVED and Van Phillips SECONDED the motion to approve claims paid in November 2008 as follows:

General Fund (Green Line Equipment) ......................... $ 27.67
Auxiliary Fund (Green Line Equipment) ....................... $  64.80

Voting Yes:  Oelsligle, Phillips, Poessnecker, Schmitt, Warrick, Anderson, Echtenkamp, Harvey, Lingenfelter, and Meisinger

Voting No:  None

Absent:  None

Abstain:  Winkleblack

MOTION CARRIED

10369


Voting Yes:  Phillips, Poessnecker, Schmitt, Warrick, Winkleblack, Anderson, Echtenkamp, Harvey, Lingenfelter Meisinger, and Oelsligle

Voting No:  None

Absent:  None

MOTION CARRIED

10370

Don Oelsligle, Nominating Committee Chairperson, MOVED to approve the committee’s recommendation for appointment of Nanci Lingenfelter to serve as Chairperson, Larry Poessnecker to serve as Vice-Chairperson, and Clarence Schmitt as Secretary of the Board for 2009; Larry Poessnecker and Don Oelsligle to serve as Northeast’s representatives for the NCCA
Board of Directors, with the remainder of the board serving as alternates. Van Phillips seconded the motion.

**Voting Yes:** Poessnecker, Schmitt, Warrick, Winkleblack, Anderson, Echtenkamp, Harvey, Lingenfelter, Meisinger, Oelsligle, and Phillips

**Voting No:** None

**Absent:** None

**MOTION CARRIED**

In other business, Chairperson Harvey acknowledged board and staff members observing birthdays during the month of December.

At 3:53 p.m., it was UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY VOICE VOTE to adjourn the meeting.

*Minutes prepared by Diane Reikofski, Recording Secretary.*

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Nanci Lingenfelter, Vice-Chairperson
Northeast Board of Governors

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Keith E. Harvey, Chairperson
Northeast Board of Governors