



**DISCUSSION/  
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

Preliminary Audit Report

Brittany Wilson, CPA and Partner of McGee, Hearne & Piaz, LLP (MHP),

adjustments are included in the attached representation letter, and there were no disagreements with management.

Brittany stated that she is pleased to provide a great report and that Trustees should remain confident in the skills of the College's team.

In response to a question from Trustee Housel, Brittany stated that her company audits seven of the eight community colleges in the state and that they, too,

budget, and dual expenditures include the cost of tuition and fees plus 11.1% of the combined student services and instructional expenses since dual students receive the same services as all Northwest College students.

President Watson stated she had recently received an email from a University Chancellor who said they had heard from faculty that dual and concurrent students from Northwest College are more prepared than students from the other community colleges. The Math and Science faculty were commended for their hard work and the academic rigor of the courses.

President Watson stated that it would be interesting to gather data on how many students are eligible for dual or concurrent courses within the service district and if the College can serve more. She notes that Northwest College has among the lowest numbers of dual and concurrent students enrolled compared to

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Jeremiah Howe, Marketing/Graphic Design Specialist, appreciated the motion to table the Resolution so that due diligence could be done in addressing the community's concerns. He also stated that a more precise plan would be useful before changing the College's name.

Jeremiah said the College needs to focus on growth and attracting more students, which could lead to more funding and opportunities. He emphasized the need for creativity and innovation rather than just making small changes. The College must stand out, especially online, to attract students from beyond the local area. He suggested that using the name "Yellowstone College" could help in marketing and recruitment, making the College more appealing and unique.

Jeremiah believes that changing the College's name will enhance its visibility and success, allowing it to stand out and connect with the Destination and Distinction model.

**A UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There were no unfinished business items on the agenda.

**A NEW BUSINESS:**

Course/Lab Fee Proposal

**A motion was made by Trustee Kost**

Name Change Resolution -  
Second Reading

Yellowstone. Trustee Housel emphasized that Park County is connected to Yellowstone Park and benefits significantly.

Trustee Housel stated that he appreciates hearing the remarks from those who spoke during the Citizens' Open Forum, especially from present and past employees who are more familiar with and understand the challenges.

Trustee Housel understands the concerns of alums and long-time supporters



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DENISE LAURSEN, Vice President/Secretary

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Date