



NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
NERSBA Technology Center
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
4:30 PM

1. OPEN SESSION

- 1.1 Call to Order/Welcome: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair
- 1.2 Roll Call: Mr. William Askew
Present: Benjie Forrest, Brian Busch, Ethan Lenker, Kenneth Harrell, Simon Griffin, Ephraigm Smith, Terry Draper, Melva Lilley, Joyce Moore, Trey Goodson, Susan Tyre (late), Karen Clough (late by phone)

Absent: Julius Walker, Jerry Phelps, Michele Spence
- 1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Ephraigm Smith
- 1.4 Approval of April 20, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair
Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented by Mr. Davis. The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by various individuals. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board of directors.
- 1.5 Public Comments: None

2. NERSBA Board Member Oath of Office: Mrs. Tonya Leggett, Clerk of Court

Mr. Trey Goodson with the NC East Alliance was administered the oath of office as a new board members by the Martin County Clerk of Superior Court, Mrs. Tonya Leggett.

Mr. Forrest welcomed Mr. Goodson as a new member to our board of directors.

3. NERSBA Informational Items:

3.1 NERSBA Scholastic Report/2022-2023 Projected Scholar Enrollment by LEA: (Mr. William Askew)

- Mrs. Paul's classes visited the Sylvan Heights Bird Park in Scotland Neck in late March. This visit was articulated with instructional components of Biology and Earth Science classes taught at NERSBA this semester.
- Our FFA Chapter participated in the University of Mount Olive AgFest on March 31st. The event was shortened due to severe weather moving through the area that afternoon.

- Mr. Askew attended the Early College Principal's Networking Session at Granville Early College sponsored by RTI International in early April.
- Our NERSBA Prom (held on April 8th) was a tremendous success.
- The greenhouse kit purchased with funds from the Tobacco Trust Fund Grant, has been secured and ordered. We are waiting a shipping date.
- Mr. Gene Mellette continues to work with our FFA Landjudging team. The team will be leaving for Oklahoma, OK on May 1st.
- NERSBA is observing Spring Break this week.
- When students return to campus on April 25th, there will be 16 face-to-face days remaining in the school year.

3.2 NERSBA Board Policy Manual Updates: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis informed the board that revisions and updates for our board policy manual were in progress. The board received policy revisions and amendments for the 1000 and 2000 series of policies. These policies will be presented for approval at the May board meeting by Mr. Davis.

3.3 North Carolina Legislative Grant: Mr. Hal Davis/Mr. Williams Askew

Mr. Davis informed the board that expenditures of the \$400,000.00 legislative facility improvement grant were in progress.

4. NERSBA Financial Report

4.1 NERSBA 2021-2022 Fiscal update/Budget Amendment(s): Mr. Hal Davis

Mrs. Baggett informed the board that the total NERSBA budget for the 2022-2023 school year is \$2,842,331.00.

There have been some additional adjustment from increases of funding as noted:

*Bonus Pay allotment of \$48,676.00 with flexibility for use of improvements and salary adjustments.

*Local Funds: Received the \$400,000.00 from the General Assembly for capital improvements.

*Green House Grant: Received from Tobacco Trust Fund in the amount of \$85,000.00.

*G5: Received additional grant of \$37,000.00.

Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the budget amendment report as presented by Mrs. Baggett. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

Fiscal Update:

Mrs. Baggett presented fiscal information regarding the financial accounts of NERSBA. The fourth quarter billing statements have been forwarded to each participating local educational agency. Mrs. Baggett noted that NERSBA is on target with expenditures as projected within our state chart of accounts.

Federal monies will be expended per each expiration date as requested.

5. NERSBA Action Items:**5.1 Approval of March 2022 Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair**

Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the minutes from the March board meeting as noted by Mr. Davis. Various individuals seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.2 NERSBA 2022-2023 Scholar Calendar Revision: Mr. Hal Davis

A revision to the school calendar to reflect that October 12th and 13th of 2022 would be scheduled as "NERSBA Career & Industry Exploration Days. Mrs. Joyce Moore moved to accept the calendar recommendation as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.3 NERSBA Board Policy Updates/Initial Reading: 1000/2000 series

Mr. Davis informed the board that revisions and updates for our board policy manual were in progress. The board received the policy revisions and amendments for the 1000 and 2000 series of policies as an initial first reading of these policies by Mr. Davis. These policy revisions and amendments will be presented to our board for consideration at our May board meeting.

5.4 State FFA Convention: June 20th-24th (Approval for Overnight Travel)

Mrs. Melva Lilley moved to approve the request for the NERSBA FFA Chapter to attend the State FFA Convention scheduled for late June in Raleigh, NC as presented. Dr. Brian Busch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.5 NERSBA COVID 19 Protocols/Scholastic Plan to Promote Instruction:

The board approved for Mr. Davis and Mr. Askew to make adjustments and or revisions to our mask-optional operations until the boards May meeting. Dr. Ethan Lenker moved to approve the motion as presented. Mr. Terry Draper seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

6. NERSBA Closed Session: NCGS 143-318.11.5 (Personnel)

Mr. Simon Griffin moved to go into closed session under statutes above listed. Mr. Ephraigm Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

OPEN SESSION:

Dr. Brian Busch moved to accept the personnel recommendations regarding employment terms for NERSBA faculty and staff for the 2022-2023 school year as presented by Mr. Davis. Mrs. Joyce Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

7. Announcements :

Mr. Davis presented the following informational items for review by our board of directors:

- 7.1 NERSBA Career Fair: Thursday, April 28th
- 7.2 Northeast Regional FFA Rally: Friday, April 29th
- 7.3 International Land, Range and pasture Judging Contest/NERSBA FFA Field Day: Thursday, May 5th
- 7.4 Jamesville World Day of Prayer: May 5th (NERSBA Performing Arts Center)
- 7.5 NERSBA FFA Awards Ceremony: May 12th @7:00 PM
- 7.6 Martin Community College Graduation: May 13th @ 7:00 PM
- 7.7 NERSBA Class of 2022 Commencement Practice/Academic Awards Ceremony: May 17th
- 7.8 NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 @ 4:30 PM
- 7.9 NERSBA Class of 2022 Commencement: Saturday, May 21st @ 10:00 AM (Reception @ 9:15 AM)

8. Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Joyce Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Brian Busch seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

**Inga Stotesberry, NERSBA Administrative Assistant
May 18, 2022**