



NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
NERSBA Technology Center
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
4:30 PM

1. OPEN Session-4:30 PM

- 1.1 Call to Order/Welcome: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chairman**
- 1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Stotesberry**
Present: Benjie Forrest, Brain Busch, Julius Walker, Ethan Lenker, Kenneth Harrell, Ephraigm Smith, Jerry Phelps, Melva Lilley by phone, Michele Spence, Trey Goodson
Absent: Simon Griffin, Susan Tyre
- 1.3 Invocation & Untied States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Julius Walker**
- 1.4 Approval of August 17, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair**
Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the board meeting agenda as presented by Mr. Davis.
Mr. Kenneth Harrell seconded the motion. The motion passed with an majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.
- 1.5 Public Comments: None**

2. NERSBA Informational Items

- 2.1 NERSBA Scholastic Report: Mr. William Askew**
Mr. Askew presented the following informational items to our board membership:

*Classes for the new school year began on August 3rd

*Respective class meetings have been completed with senior and super-senior scholars

*There are 127 students currently enrolled at NERSBA with enrollment by Local Educational Agencies listed below:

Enrollment by Grade Level:

30 Freshmen
38 Sophomores
29 Juniors
22 Seniors
8 Super Seniors

Students By LEA:

Martin County 50
Washington County 37
Pitt County 36
Tyrrell County 2

*60 Students are enrolled in 178 Martin Community College classes this semester

*3 University of Mount Olive classes are scheduled on-site for 18 scholars this fall

*Mrs. Tammy Capehart has filled the Exceptional Children's position on a part-time basis.
NERSBA is contracting with Spindle, a teacher employment firm located in Atlanta, Georgia for this resource

*Mrs. Christi Rogerson has initiated her Math Enrichment Program at NERSBA

*Mr. Jesse Riggs has started his Socio-Emotional Learning Program with our scholars

*Ms. Sydney Gainey is working to develop our Health & Wellness/Biotechnology Program at NERSBA

*Mrs. Melissa Patrick has successfully started her Science & Chemistry Classes

*Mr. William Askew is teaching a Agricultural Engineering Class this semester during our Fourth Period

*Mrs. Julie Gurganus has assumed her role with our coordinator for Testing and Federal Programs

2.2/2.3 NC Safe Schools Conference Review: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis attended the North Carolina Safer Schools Conference held in Greensboro, NC August 1st-5th. He noted this was a challenging experience and gained knowledge of the overall importance to student social-emotional learning. Mr. Davis offered reflections on NERSBA and the importance given to school safety and current efforts towards the overall importance to the well-being on the part of our students, faculty and parents.

Mr. Davis also presented information to the board regarding the new North Carolina Safer Schools Training Center to be opened soon in Montgomery County currently accepting donations of scholastic surplus materials to facilitate their state and national training center.

2.4 NERSBA July Board Meeting Minutes (to be presented at the September 21st board meeting)

Mr. Davis informed the board that the July and August minutes will be forwarded to board members for review and approval at the September 21st board meeting.

2.5 NERSBA Performing Art Center/Jamesville Polling Precinct for Tuesday, November 8th General Elections

Mr. Davis presented the board a plan (subject to their approval) that polling for the November general elections will be conducted in our NERSBA Performing Arts Center. This location for balloting in the Jamesville precinct should not cause any disruption to our scholastic schedule that day and will facilitate voting. By consensus discussion, the board approved this plan noting a unique opportunity for the school to connect with the local community.

2.6 National FFA Convention Update: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis informed the board that sixteen (16) students from NERSBA plan to attend the National FFA Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana October 25th-29th. The group will be traveling via Charter Bus Service to this event.

3. NERSBA Financial Report:

3.1 2022-2023 NERSBA Fiscal Update: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis spoke to the board regarding the current status of our budgetary allocation from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Mr. Davis referenced a request for free and reduced price lunch information on the part of the Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. Davis has responded to the department that all students at NERSBA have received free lunches for the last two years and there is no current information regarding this issue. Mr. Davis referenced that Mrs. Debra Baggett and himself are working to resolve our state budgetary allotments so that we may finalize our 2022-2023 budget resolution.

4. NERSBA Information Items: Mr. Hal Davis

4.1 NERSBA Facility Upgrades/Renovations Mr. Hal Davis/Mr. William Askew

Mr. Davis informed the board that demolition of the former cafeteria/art/agriculture classroom will start in the very near future. Construction of the greenhouse has been extended until late September with this delay. Seymour Builders from Mount Airy, NC has been rescheduled to September 26th to begin this project as previously outlined. All local permits for the demolition have been completed, etc. A permit request for the greenhouse construction with the town of Jamesville has been submitted.

4.2 NERSBA Capstone Project Addendum Proposal: Mr. William Askew

Mr. Askew presented a revised Capstone Project Outline articulating this NERSBA Graduation Requirement with the FFA Agriculture Proficiency Awards program. The board gave their unanimous consent to move forward with this revision as presented.

4.3 NERSBA COVID Planning and Information: Mr. Hal Davis

Provided information as related to the COVID virus and the current plan to operate on a normal schedule based on the current infection rates across our NERSBA serving area.

5. NERSBA Action Items:

5.1 NERSBA 2021/2022 Audit Contract (request for approval): Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the audit contract with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram as presented by Mr. Davis. Dr. Brian Busch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.2 Approval Request to Attend NC Wildlife Resource Camp at White Lake, NC September 16th-18th

Mr. Jerry Phelps moved to approve the request as presented by Mr. Davis for NERSBA to have representatives attend the NC Wildlife Resources Camp in September. Mrs. Michele Spence seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

Mr. Davis thanked Dr. Busch and all the staff at Martin Community College and the University of Mount Olive for their work in promoting a successful start to the new academic calendar.

6. NERSBA Closed Session NCGS 143-318.6(Personnel)/NCGS 143-318.11.5(Real Property):

Mr. Brian Busch moved to go into closed session at 5:07 PM under statutes listed above. Mrs. Michele Spence seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

Open Session @ 5:16 PM:

No action taken was taken during the closed session.

7. Announcements:

7.1 NERSBA Commencement Attire/Class Ring Orders-Friday, August 19th (11 AM-:30 PM)

7.2 NERSBA Senior Saturday: Saturday, August 27th, 8:30 AM -11:30 AM

7.3 NERSBA Parental Conference/Virtual Instruction Day, Friday, September 9th.

7.4 NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting-Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

8. Comments & Remarks: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis wished each of the LEAs and colleges a great start to the new school year. He offered congratulations to Mr. William Askew, Mrs. Inga Stotesberry and the entire NERSBA faculty and staff in their work and efforts in a successful start to the 2022-2023 academic calendar.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Joyce Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Trey Goodson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Inga Stotesberry, Administrative Assistant Date