



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

1. OPEN SESSION-4:30 PM

1.1 Call to Order/Welcome: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chairman

1.2 Roll Call: Inga Stotesberry

Present: Benjie Forrest, Julius Walker, Kenneth Harrell, Simon Griffin, Ephraigm Smith, Karen Clough by phone, Melva Lilley by phone, Michele Spence, Joyce Moore, Trey Goodson
Absent: Brian Busch, Ethan Lenker, Jerry Phelps, Susan Tyre

1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Ephraigm Smith

1.4 Approval of July 20, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

Mr. Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 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. William Askew informed the board of the following informational items:

*Scholar Orientation /Open House is scheduled for July 28th with two sessions for students and parents at 2:00 & 7:00 PM. All sessions will be held in our Performing Arts Center prior to teacher visitations.

*NERSBA FFA Chapter Officers attended the State Leadership Conference held at the RJ Peeler FFA Camp at White Lake last week.

*Mrs. Julia Coltrain is attending the Career & Technical Education Conference in Greensboro this week.

*The Video Camera Security System installation has been completed by the Soundside Group.

*Current student enrollment numbers totaling 127 scholars as of July 20th.

*The FFA State Convention was held in June with an e-mail sent out earlier with our respective placements. NERSBA did very well with participation in respective Career Development Events. Our very own Javien McMillian placed Second in the FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event with the honor of being the State FFA Vice President.

3. NERSBA Financial Report

3.1 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 Fiscal Update Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis noted the following informational points regarding the fiscal operations at NERSBA:

*All the state funds were expended as budgeted for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Davis thanked the Pitt County Schools financial staff for their help, leadership and assistance in our schools' finances.

*The NERSBA Finance Committee met earlier in July to review projected finances for the upcoming school year. Mr. Davis informed the board that NERSBA is working under a Continuing Budget Resolution until a formal budget is approved by our board of directors.

4. NERSBA Informational Items: Mr. Hal Davis

4.1 Review of 6420 & 6430 Board Policy Proposals (request for revisions): Mr. Hal Davis

With the support of the board membership, Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the revisions as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

4.2 NERSBA Facility Upgrades/Renovations: Mr. Hal Davis/Mr. Williams Askew

Mr. Askew reported that NERSBA has received the NC Legislative Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 Appropriated for facility improvements. Mr. Benjie Forrest announced that NERSBA had received an additional allocation of \$500,000.00 NC Legislative Grant which has been earmarked for renovations of the existing gymnasium into a Health & Wellness Center.

4.3 NERSBA Outline of Administrative Duties & Responsibilities: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis presented to the board a listing of specific duties and responsibilities for the Executive Director and Principal for review and information.

4.4 NERSBA 2022/2023 Opening of School Plans & Schedules: Mr. William Askew

Mr. Askew informed the board of plans for student arrival in early August as noted below:

*Freshmen scholars arrive on campus Wednesday, August 3rd.

*Sophomore and Junior Scholars return to campus Monday, August 8th.

*Senior and Super-Senior Scholars begin college class schedules on Thursday, August 18th.

4.5 NERSBA Supplement Salary Schedule for Faculty with Ten Years of Service

Mr. Davis recommended to the board to increase the salary supplement currently in place to ten-percent (10%) once an employee has served ten years of service to the school. Mr. Davis commented to the board this increment may hopefully be an incentive for faculty and staff to remain employees of NERSBA and enhance our teacher/staff recruitment efforts. As a point of reference, one faculty member would receive this additional supplement in March of 2023 for offering ten years of service to our school.

5. NERSBA Action Items

5.1 Approval of June 2022 Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the June 2022 board meeting minutes as presented by Mr. Davis. Mrs. Michele Spence seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.2 NERSBA Board Policy Updates/Second Reading: 6420/6430, 7000/8000/9000 Series Policies: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Julius Walker moved to approve the final readings of the policies as board policies as outlined. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.3 NERSBA Building Demolition/Greenhouse Construction Projects: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the demolition project as presented by Mr. Davis. Mrs. Michele Spence seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership. Mr. Davis informed the board membership that funds in the amount of \$42,570.00 from the NC Legislative Grant would be used to complete this project which will be completed by Mr. Chad Hardison.

Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the Greenhouse Construction project as noted by Mr. Davis. Mrs. Michele Spence seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership. Mr. Davis informed the board that a projected cost for construction in the amount of \$35,300.00 by Seymour Builders from Mount Airy, North Carolina will be allocated towards this work. Funding will come from resources in the NC Legislative Grant awarded to NERSBA.

5.4 NERSBA COVID Protocols: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the COVID Protocols as presented by Mr. Davis by giving Mr. Askew and Mr. Davis to make decision due to COVID. Mrs. Michele Spence seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

6. NERSBA Closed Session: NCGS 115C-402 (Student Records) NCGS 143-3186.6 (Personnel) NCGS 143.318.11.5 (Real Property)

Mr. Trey Goodson moved to go into closed session at 5:17 PM regarding items listed above. Mr. Kenneth Harrell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

Open Session at 6:17 PM

Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the personnel and real property recommendations as presented By Mr. Davis. Mr. Trey Goodson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA Board membership.

7. Announcements: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis made announcements regarding the points listed below at the conclusion of the meeting:

7.1 NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4:30 PM.
(NERSBA Local Educational Agency Representative Work Session at 3:30 PM)

7.2 North Carolina State FFA Convention Review: Mr. William Askew

7.2 State FFA Leadership School, White Lake, NC (July 2022)

7.3 NERSBA Scholar/Parent/Faculty Orientation Sessions

7.5 NC Safe Schools Conference, August 2nd -5th (Greensboro, NC)

8. Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Michele Spence moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Trey Goodson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

Respectively Submitted Date
Inga Stotesberry, Administrative Assistant/NERSBA

