



Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience
Wednesday, August 15, 2018
NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
NERSBA Technology Center
4:00 PM

1. OPEN SESSION-4:00 pm

- 1.1 Call to Order: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
Julius Walker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Inga Moore
Present: Julius Walker, Jean Woolard, Benjie Forrest, Christie Bell, Dwight Respass, Ephraigm Smith, Mac Hodges, Simon Griffin, Paul Hutchins
Tardy: Jerry Phelps
Absent: Ethan Lenker, Karen Clough, Kenneth Harrell, Sandy Maddox
- 1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Benjie Forrest
Benjie Forrest led the BOD in the US Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

2. Agenda

- 2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
Mac Hodges motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; followed by a second from Simon Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2.2 Public Comments: None
- 2.3 Washington Leadership Conference Presentation: Ms. Naomi Turner/ Mrs. Julia Coltrain
Naomi Turner attended the Washington Leadership Conference this summer. She provided an overview of her unique experiences at this conference.

Ephraigm Smith praised Ms. Turner for being professional and providing her experiences with the BOD. He also commented that the NERSBA staff is guiding the students to become great leaders. Jean Woolard and Benjie Forrest also commented about how well she presented with poise and confidence.

3. Discussion (Action)

- 3.1 Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
Simon Griffin motioned to approve the July minutes; followed by a second from Dwight Respass. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3.2 NERSBA 2018/2018-2018/2019 Fiscal Budget Update: Mr. Hal Davis
In Debra Baggett's absence, Hal Davis updated the BOD about the plans for the finance committee to meet on August 31, 2018 at 10 a.m. in Debra Baggett's office. He indicated that the 2018-2019 budget will be finalized at this meeting. The budget will be presented to the BOD at the September meeting.
- 3.3 4.1/4.3 Instruction Programs/College Classes
Hal Davis provided a packet and emailed it to all the BOD. According to the state board of education policy we have to create a BT Support program. We currently have 3 individuals on staff that are considered beginning teacher. It is a 3-year program cycle. The coordinator of the BT Plan is Mel Stanley.
- 3.4 MCC Memorandum of Agreement: Dr. Brain Bush
Dr. Busch provided a brief overview of the memorandum of agreement between Martin Community College and NERSBA. Please see the attached MOA for further details.

Benjie Forrest thanked MCC for all the support for NERSBA. He indicated that since he wanted more clarification about the relationship MCC has with the University of Mount Olive. Since NERSBA is partners with both entities, Mr. Forrest indicated that it would seem as if both schools could work together to accept certain courses for students at NERSBA to take advantage of. Mr. Forrest indicated that there was friction between the two bodies of higher education in which courses taken with UMO were not being accepted at MCC. He questioned Dr. Hutchins if there had been any further discussion with a MOA being developed between MCC and UMO. Dr. Hutchins replied that there had been some discussions and this will be investigated further.

Mac Hodges motioned to accept the MOA as presented, followed by a second from Simon Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion (No Action)

- 4.1/4.3 NERSBA Instructional Programs: College Class/Enrollment
Hal Davis reported school started on August 1st. College courses started on August 16th. He thanked Dr. Stanley and Mrs. Newman for all their hard work scheduling students at NERSBA, PCC, MCC, BCC, and UMO.
- 4.2 NERSBA 2018 Fall Semester Scholar Enrollment: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis provided each BOD member with the student enrollment information as of August 9, 2018.
- 4.4 NERSBA Phone/Intercom System Installation Update: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis indicated that the new phone/intercom system was installed earlier this month. He indicated that this has been a tremendous improvement to the operation of the school.

- 4.5 NERSBA BOD Business/Industry Representatives (Joe Landino/Paul Spruill)
The BOD nominated Jean Woolard, Simon Griffin, Julius Walker, and Mac Hodges to serve on a committee to find BOD representatives from business and industries to serve on the NERSBA BOD.
- 4.6 NERSBA BOD Regional Superintend Representative: Above committee (4.5)
will handle this also per Jean Woolard.
- 4.7 NERSBA Curriculum Design Committee Report: Dr. Melanie Stanley
Dr. Stanley indicated that this committee had not met in over a year. This committee reconvened on Wednesday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m. just prior to this BOD meeting. This committee began reviewing the policies and procedures located in the scholar manual.
- 4.8 Strategic Planning for future success at NERSBA and Organization Chart: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis provided an overview of the NCDPI organizational chart. He stated that NERSBA falls under the Innovative School District. He indicated that NERSBA has some pressing needs for long term needs to be addressed as follows:
 - 1. Teacher Recruitment/Retention/Profession Growth
 - 2. NERSBA Instructional Program & Curriculum Goals
 - 3. Partnership Development
 - *Local Educational Agencies
 - *College/University Opportunities
 - *Business/Corporate Relationships
 - 4. Facilities
 - 5. Academic/Career Success for current/former students
 - 6. NERSBA Policy Handbook
 - 7. Growing New Scholar/Recruitment
 - 8. Financial Sustainability

Jean Woolard commented that we can pull together work sessions or maybe a retreat to discuss/work on these issues. Can we get someone from DPI to facilitate this for us? We will have to establish new contacts because of the lay-offs at DPI. Benjie Forrest recommended Dr. Curtis Rains that works with UMO he would be a good person to contact

5. Announcements:

- 5.1 NERSBA 2018/19 Scholar/Parent Orientation: July 26th (10 am, 2 pm, 7pm)
- 5.2 NERSBA Senior/Super Senior Celebration: Saturday, August 11th (10am-2 pm)
- 5.3 NERSBA FFA Alumni Campus Workday: Saturday, August 25th
- 5.4 NERSBA Finance Committee Meeting, Friday, August 31st, 10 am
- 5.5 NERSBA September board meeting, Wednesday, September 19th, 4:30 pm

Mac Hodges made the following statement: "I made a statement out of character to one of my fellow board members last month. Since then Ms. Bell and I've spoken at the Black Lands meeting and we have addressed this issue. My statement was out of character for me and I want to apologize to all of the board members." worked out between me and her and it was out of character for me and I apologize to all the board members.

6.0 Closed Session

Jean Woolard motioned to go into closed session under the statues listed below; followed by a second from Simon Griffin, the motion passed unanimously at 5:50 p.m. Mac Hodges recused himself from closed session discussions due to the pending law suit with Beaufort County Schools.

NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)/Attorney Client Privilege/Legal Update

7.0 Adjourn:

At 6:10 p.m., Benjie Forrest motioned to adjourn meeting; followed by a second by Dr. Paul Hutchins. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.