



NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL of Biotechnology and Agriscience

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
NERSBA Technology Center
4:00 PM

1. OPEN SESSION – 4:00 PM

1.1 Call to Order: Mrs. Jean Woolard, Chair

1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Spruill

Present: Jean Woolard, Benjie Forrest, Christie Bell, Dwight Respass, Ephraim Smith, Kenneth Harrell, Mac Hodges, Simon Griffin, Paul Hutchins, Melva Lilley, Greg Coltrain.

Absent: Julius Walker, Ethan Lenker, Jerry Phelps, Karen Clough, Sandy Maddox

1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Mac Hodges

2. CLOSED SESSION

2.1 NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) Real Property

3. AGENDA

3.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mrs. Jean Woolard, Chair

3.2 Public Comments

Jonathan Riggs, former NERSBA employee, expressed concerns with regards to the minutes from the December Board meeting. He referenced the NC Open Meetings Law (Article 33C of G.S. 143-318.9) pointing out that the minutes posted on the website did not accurately reflect the concerns he expressed during the Public Comments section of the December meeting. He provided the board with the copies of his statement from December and the posted December board minutes. Dr. Hutchins suggested that the Board amend the minutes to include Mr. Riggs' statement (please refer to handouts).

4. DISCUSSION (Action)

4.1 Approval Of December 12th Board Meeting Minutes: Mrs. Jean Woolard, Chair

Dr. Hutchins made the motion to approve the amended December board meeting minutes to include Mr. Riggs' original statement of concern (please refer to handouts presented). Mr. Hodges second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4.2 NERSBA Fiscal Budget Update: Mrs. Debra Baggett, NERSBA Finance Officer

A. 2018-19 NERSBA Financial Report

Mrs. Baggett reviewed the 2018-19 Financial Report as of January 2019. Please refer to the financial documents provided for further details.

Local Funds: According to the report, \$89,532.54 of projected \$311, 440.00 LOCAL budget has been collected from the 5 partner LEAs. NERSBA has expended \$201,390.75 of the \$461,440.00 local budget as of January 2019.

State Funds: NERSBA has expended \$831,110.06 of the \$1,877,422.00 allocated through State funds.

Federal Funds: NERSBA has expended \$16,260.85 of the \$39,353.03 allocated through Federal funds. This funding was used to pay part of the EC teacher's salary.

Mr. Harrell made the motion to accept the Financial report as presented by Mrs. Baggett. Mr. Griffin second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. 2017-18 Fiscal Audit Presentation: Mr. Michael Joran, Mrs. Debra Baggett.

Mrs. Baggett presented the 2017-2018 Financial Audit report conducted by Carr, Riggs & Ingram CPAs & Advisors. This financial audit indicated that there were no instances of noncompliance to laws, regulations, and contract and grant agreements that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Please refer to the audit document provided for further details.

Mr. Smith made the motion to accept the Financial Audit as presented. Mr. Forrest second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION (No Action)

5.1 NERSBA 2019-20 Budget Planning

Mr. Davis indicated the Finance Committee will schedule a meeting in mid-late February to begin planning and projecting the NERSBA budget for the 2019-20 school year. He will send out the date for this meeting to the members.

5.2 NERSBA Instructional Programs: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley

Mr. Davis reported that the Spring semester began on January 3, 2019 and students were enrolled in their appropriate courses according to their plan of study. Dr. Stanley added that students will begin registering for Summer and Fall college classes in March and April.

5.3 NERSBA Strategic Plan: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis stated that Dr. Price will return on January 23, 2019 to meet with a select group of board members, parents, staff, and students to continue the NERSBA strategic planning. Mr. Davis will provide further details of this meeting to the Strategic Planning Committee members.

5.4 Rachel's Challenge

Mr. Davis shared that Mrs. Riggs has spearheaded the Rachel's Challenge events and will continue to be the advisor for this endeavor. At the previous board meeting, there were some issues raised with regards to developing a program that will be sustained over time. Mr. Davis indicated that Mrs. Riggs will be the director of this program and guide the students through events planned throughout the school year. Mrs. Riggs sent out a letter to community members about the scheduled Rachel's Challenge Program event to be held on January 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. There will also be an event for the NERSBA students that day at 10:00 a.m. Please see the letter provided by Mrs. Riggs in the board packet for further details.

5.5 RTI Update

Mr. Davis provided the board with a list of professional development sessions that RTI will provide to our staff. Please refer to the handout provided for further details.

5.6 NERSBA Mediation Session Review

Mr. Hodges recused himself from the meeting at this point. The board members who attended the Mediation session shared the findings of the mediation. At this time, neither NERSBA Board of Directors or Beaufort County School Board could reach an agreement to resolve the lawsuit. Mr. Grey, NERSBA's lawyer, has indicated that this will be continued through litigation beginning sometime in late February or March. Mr. Grey will continue to correspond with Mr. Davis with regards to this matter. Mr. Coltrain and Mrs. Lilley asked for clarification, since they were new to the board, as to how the lawsuit started. Mr. Forrest and the other board members explained how NERSBA was formed and the legislation

5.7 2019-20 NERSBA Academic Calendar Planning

The Calendar Planning committee will present a proposed calendar at the February 2019 board meeting.

6. Announcements

6.1 NERSBA Strategic Planning Session W/Dr. Larry Price, January 24th, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

6.2 Safe Schools Meeting, January 30th, Beaufort County Ed-Tech Center

6.3 NERSBA FFA Alumni Campus Workday, Saturday February 2nd

6.4 UNC vs. NC State Women's Basketball Game, Sunday February 3rd, 2:00 PM

6.5 Hal Davis @ Early College Networking Session, RTI, Research Triangle Park, Tuesday February 5th

6.6 NERSBA ACT Administration, Wednesday February 20th

6.7 NERSBA February Board Meeting, Wednesday February 20th, 4:00 PM

7. Adjourn

7.1 Motion To Adjourn

Mr. Forrest made the motion to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Mr. Harrell second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.