



August 17, 2019
NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting
NERSBA Technology Center
4:20 PM

1. OPEN SESSION 4:20 PM

- 1.1 Called to Order: Mrs. Jean Woolard, Chair
- 1.2 Roll Call: Ms. Inga Moore
Present: Jean Woolard, Benjie Forrest, Julius Walker, Ephraigm Smith, Karen Clough, Kenneth Harrell, Simon Griffin, Brain Bush, Terry Draper
Absent: Christie Bell, Dwight Respress, Ethan Lenker, Jerry Phelps, Sandy Maddox, Melva Lilley
- 1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Julius Walker
- 1.4 NERSBA Legislative & Budget Update: Mr. Jamie Norment, Ward & Smith, P.A.
Mr. Jamie Norment, a lawyer and the lobbyist for NERSBA, updated the BOD on the state budget. According to Mr. Norment, it may be November before the legislators agree on a state budget. He also provided an explanation of Senate Bill 301 and DR545130-TC-16, which indicates the process of how a school system can withdraw from a regional school.

2. CLOSED SESSION

- 2.1 NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel
Mr. Benjie Forrest moved to go into closed session per statue listed above. Mr. Kenneth Harrell seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote at 4:47 PM.

3. AGENDA

- 3.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mrs. Jean Woolard, Chair
Mr. Benjie Forrest moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote.
- 3.2 NERSBA Fiscal Update: Ms. April Stotesberry, Southern Bank
Ms. April Stotesberry announced that Southern Bank will serve as NERSBA's local banking institution. She described the services that Southern Bank provides.
- 3.3 Public Comments: None
- 3.4 Ms. Heather Shea, NERSBA Agriscience Faculty Member
Ms. Shea is a UMO graduate and was hired as an Ag teacher at NERSBA.

4. DISCUSSION (ACTION)

- 4.1 Approval of the July 17th Board Meeting Minutes: Mrs. Jean Woolard, Chair
Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote.

4.2 NERSBA Budget Update: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis stated that NERSBA is operating on current funding from last year and being very frugal with spending.

4.3 NERSBA Personnel Recommendations: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Benjie Forrest moved to approve the personnel recommendations as presented in closed session. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote.

~Mrs. Julie Gurganus resigned as Director of Technology and Accountability.

~ Mrs. Patricia Speller will be assuming the position of Director of Technology and Accountability.

~Ms. Logan Modlin joining the faculty team as a substitute teacher.

4.4 NC Wildlife Resource Commission Conservation Camp: September 13th -15th (RJ Peeler FFA Camp, White Lake, NC)
We have 4 students that will attend this camp along with Mrs. Coltrain. Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve the trip. Mr. Benjie Forrest seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote.

5. DISCUSSION (NO ACTION)

5.1 NERSBA Settlement Agreement: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Hal Davis addressed the concern presented by Mrs. Karen Clough at the July board meeting requesting the expenditures for paying the lobbyist. Mr. Davis indicated that Mrs. Baggett is completing this request and will present it at the September board meeting.

5.2 NERSBA 2019-2020 Scholar Membership: Mr. Hal Davis
A document was provided showing enrollment by grade level and LEA breakdown with 197 students enrolled.

5.3 NERSBA Instructional Programs: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley
Mr. Hal Davis complimented Martin Community College on the remodeling and upgrades that have occurred on the MCC campus. As of Friday, we will have completed 15 days of school at NERSBA. This has gone very well.

Dr. Melanie Stanley stated the we have implemented a 9th grade yearlong class called Preparing Academic Career Exploration (PACE). During this course, students complete their hunter safety education credentials. We have brought in Wildlife Officers within the 5 LEAS and taught and administered the test. We will also work with the 4H center in Columbia in archery, shotgun, orienteering, rifle at a low cost of \$5.00 per student for our 9th graders. Boater safety will be taken in the spring. Golfing is another option we are looking at and partnering with the National Tennis Association for activities. Mrs. Coltrain, Ms. Shea and Dr. Stanley are certified in teaching hunters safety education through the NC Wildlife Commission Resources office.

Dr. Stanley also noted that 100% of our students are enrolled in at least one college course either through MCC, BCCC, or UMO.

5.4 NERSBA Strategic Plan/NERSBA Vision & Mission: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis provided the board with a copy of NERSBAS Vision & Mission statements.

- 5.5 NERSBA Parental Advisory Committee Membership: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis indicated that currently there are 2 positions that need to be filled on this committee.
- 5.6 NERSBA BOD Position Vacancy/Mr. Greg Coltrain: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis announced that Mr. Greg Coltrain had resigned from the NERSBA BOD due to his workload.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NERSBA check off list was provided to BOD members of what has been done so far.

- 6.1 England Study Visit Planning Meeting, August 22nd @ 7:00 PM
- 6.2 NERSBA Fall Convocation: Friday, August 23rd @ 11:00 AM
- 6.3 NERSBA Senior Celebration: Saturday, August 24, 2019/8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
- 6.4 NERSBA September BOD Meeting, Wednesday, September 26, 2019
- 6.5 NERSBA/RTI International Networking Event, Thursday, September 26, 2019
- 6.6 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Tuesday, October 1st @ 7PM
- 6.7 NERSBA FFA Jacket Presentation Ceremony: Thursday, October 17th @ 7PM
- 6.8 NERSBA FFA Alumni Fundraiser: Saturday, October 19th @ 6PM

7. ADJOURN

- 7.1 Motion to Adjourn
Mr. Benjie Forrest moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote at 5:27 PM.