



**NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**NERSBA Technology Center**  
**Wednesday, July 15, 2020**  
**4:30 PM**

**1. OPEN SESSION – 4:30 PM**

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- 1.1 **Call to Order: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair**  
The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.
- 1.2 **Roll Call: Dr. Stanley**  
Present: Benjie Forrest, Dwight Respass, Ephraigm Smith, Simon Griffin, Brian Busch, Julius Walker, Kenneth Harrell, Melva Lilley, Terry Draper, and Christie Bell  
Absent: Jerry Phelps, Jean Woolard, Ethan Lenker, Karen Clough, and Sandy Maddox
- 1.3 **Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Julius Walker**
- 1.4 **Introduction of Mr. Noah Stewart, NERSBA Faculty Member**  
Mr. Forrest introduced Mr. Stewart as NERSBA's newest member of the faculty. Mr. Stewart is a graduate of the University of Mount Olive Agricultural Education program.

**2. AGENDA**

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- 2.1 **Approval of July Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair**  
Mr. Smith made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2.2 **Public Comments**  
There were no public comments.

**3. DISCUSSION (No Action)**

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- 3.1 **NERSBA Strategic Plan/Proposed Work Session: Mr. Hal Davis**  
Mr. Davis requested that the board set a work session prior to the September board meeting to review the NERSBA Strategic Plan and continue to update the plan as needed.
- 3.2 **NERSBA COVID-19 Virus Informational Update**  
Mr. Davis provided an update with regards to opening school and COVID-19. NERSBA is still planning to open its doors for seated instruction. Based on survey results, the vast majority of NERSBA scholars selected attending school in a hybrid format. More information was provided about the plan to open later during the meeting.
- 3.3 **NERSBA Jamesville Property Transfer & Acceptance Review (June 18, 2020): Mr. Hal Davis**  
Mr. Davis announced that the school building and the surrounding buildings and football/baseball field now belong to NERSBA.
- 3.4 **NERSBA Curriculum Design Committee Meeting Schedule, 2020-2021**  
Mr. Davis provided the board members with a meeting schedule for the Curriculum Design Committee. The first meeting of the 2020-2021 school year will be held at 3:15 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Mr. Walker, Mr. Respass and Mrs. Bell serve on this committee.

**4. DISCUSSION (Action)**

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- 4.1 **Approval Of May 27th Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair**  
Mr. Griffin made the motion to approve the May 27, 2020 board meeting minutes with the correction of the spelling of Dr. Busch's name. Mr. Harrell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4.2 **NERSBA Financial Report: Mrs. Debra Baggett**  
Mr. Davis informed the board that Mrs. Baggett was not able to attend the meeting and that a full financial report will be given by Mrs. Baggett at the August board meeting. No action was taken.
- 4.3 **NERSBA Return To School Plan/Opportunities Moving Forward: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley**  
Mr. Davis shared the 3 options that the staff developed (please see the handout). He also shared the 3 Academic calendars that have been brought before the board. At this time, there is so much uncertainty about the reopening of schools and to which plan the Governor and DPI will allow for the opening.
- Dr. Stanley explained the preferred option for NERSBA to return to school (please see the Option 2 description below).
- Mr. Davis requested that the board give him the authority to move forward with plans for reopening school based on the allowances by the state. Mr. Griffin made the motion to give Mr. Davis such authority. Mr. Walker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4.4 **NERSBA COVID-19 Technology Plan: Mrs. Patricia Speller, Dr. Melanie Stanley**  
Dr. Stanley explained that the COVID-19 Remote Instruction plan had to be developed. This plan provided instructional options and support efforts for the 3 different plans proposed by the state.
- Option #1 was returning to school with minimal social distancing and a remote instructional day. Students would return to school following social distancing rules. Students would attend for 4 days during the week with Fridays serving as Remote Instructional day. The NERSBA staff would do a thorough cleaning of the building on Fridays.
- Option #2 was returning to school on a modified schedule with maximum social distancing. Students would return to school following an A/B day format. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students would be on campus Mondays and Tuesdays. 10<sup>th</sup> grade students would be on campus Wednesdays and Thursdays. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students would receive remote instruction on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 10<sup>th</sup> grade students would receive remote instruction on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Students in grades 11-13 would receive remote instruction and follow the community college schedules.
- Option #3 indicated that all students would receive remote instruction only.
- Dr. Stanley requested that the board consider this plan and move forward with approving it so that NERSBA can submit the plan back to NCDPI. Mr. Draper made the motion to approve the plan. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4.5 **FY 2021 Consolidated Grant Application: Dr. Melanie Stanley**  
Dr. Stanley informed the board that NERSBA is seeking Title 1 and Title 2 funds through the Consolidated Grant Application. Mr. Griffin made the motion to move forward in seeking this grant opportunity and Mrs. Lilley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4.6 **Martin County Schools/NERSBA Joint Use Agreement:**  
NERSBA Physical Development & Fitness Center/NERSBA Performing Arts Center/  
NERSBA Community Resource and Demonstration Laboratory
- Mr. Davis requested that the board sign the joint use agreement between Martin County Schools and NERSBA. This would allow Jamesville Elementary School to use the gymnasium, fields, and auditorium without holding NERSBA liable. Mr. Smith made the motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Draper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Announcements

- 5.1 **NERSBA August Board Meeting Date: August 19th @ 4:30 PM**
- 5.2 **NERSBA New Scholar/Parent/Faculty Orientation: July 27<sup>th</sup>**
- 5.3 **NERSBA Scholar/Parent/Faculty Open House: July 28<sup>th</sup>**
- 5.4 **First Day Of NERSBA 2020-2021 Academic Calendar: August 3, 2020**
- 5.5 **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Licensure**

6. Adjourn

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6.1 Motion To Adjourn