



NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
NERSBA Technology Center
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
4:30 PM

1. OPEN SESSION-4:30 PM

1.1 Call to order: Mr. Benjie Forrest

Mr. Benjie Forrest introduced and welcomed our new board member Mrs. Joyce Moore as the new NERSBA Parental Advisory Committee representative. Mr. Forrest noted that Mrs. Moore would be attending our meeting but would not vote on any issues during the meeting until properly sworn in at our June board meeting.

Present: Benjie Forrest, Julius Walker, Ethan Lenker, Kenneth Harrell, Simon Griffin, Ephraigm Smith, Terry Draper, Brian Busch, Joyce Moore

Absent: Dwight Respass, Jean Woolard, Jerry Phelps, Karen Clough, Melva Lilley, Michele Spence

1.2 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Julius Walker

2. AGENDA

2.1 Approval of May 2021 Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair
Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Mr. Kenneth Harrell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

2.2 Public Comments: None

3. DISCUSSION (No Action)

3.1 NERSBA COVID-19 Virus Informational Update: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis informed the board that COVID infections have decreased in each of the participating local educational agencies served by NERSBA; however we are still following protocols issued by the Martin-Tyrrell-Washington County Health Department and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Davis also informed the board that one faculty member has recently tested positive for the COVID Virus.

3.4 NERSBA Regional School Drive: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis informed the board of an impending problem with the access road adjoining the NERSBA and Jamesville Elementary School properties. Mr. Davis noted that NERSBA owns this road outright and there is no state or town maintenance provided with this road.

Mr. Davis presented visuals of the road and related issues to the board for review. After discussion by the board membership, the following ideas and suggestions were presented to Mr. Davis to address this issue:

- *Contact Barnhill Construction for excess reject/reprocessed pavement to fill in broken pavement areas on the access road

- *Contact the Department of Transportation Engineering Department for assistance and recommendations

- *Purchase rock/crushed stone to repair areas due potholes continuing to expand

- *Meet with Martin County Schools Superintendent to see if they will help maintain the road since this access road is utilized primarily by Jamesville Elementary School staff and parents

- *Contact the county manager for Martin County asking for assistance

3.5 New Scholar/Parent/Faculty Orientation: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis provided the board an update on the New Scholar/Parent/Faculty Orientation conducted on Monday, May 17th. He reported that forty-five (45) prospective students attended this event which included an overview of our academic programs and provided students and parents the opportunity to converse with NERSBA faculty prior to their enrollment in early August.

3.6 NERSBA Summer Learning Opportunity Program, Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Hal Davis has reached out to NCDPI for more clarification regarding the expectations and requirements of this initiative. He noted that NERSBA plans to implement and move forward with a three-week program focusing on students "close" to not passing a class core subject area classes as our primary focus. The program will start June 14th and conclude on July 2nd. Mr. Davis informed the board that we are expecting approximately twenty (20) students to participate in this program which will focus on Math, English, Horticulture and Biology.

3.7 NERSBA Finance Committee Meeting, Friday, May 28th @ 10:00 AM
This meeting is scheduled in our NERSBA Technology Center for our Finance Committee. Mrs. Baggett will be joining the meeting via Zoom.

3.3 NERSBA Facilities Update: Mr. Hal Davis/Mr. Billy Ray Askew
Mr. Hal Davis noted the accomplishments on the part of our Horticulture II and Agricultural Mechanics II Classes with respect to making improvements on and about the NERSBA campus. Mr. Askew provided an update on these projects and improvements that have been undertaken and currently in-progress.

4. DISCUSSION (Action)

Approval of April 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest, chair

4.1 Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve the board meeting minutes as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Ephraim Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board.

4.2 NERSBA Financial Report: Mrs. Debra Baggett
A. NERSBA May Fiscal Update
B. 2021-2022 NERSBA continuing Budget Resolution (June 9th)

Mr. Davis informed the board that he and Mrs. Debra Baggett are closely reviewing fiscal invoices, expenditures and encumbrances on a week-by-week basis. Mr. Davis also noted that Mrs. Baggett will be presenting a “continuing budget resolution” for our board to consider during our June meeting to allow NERSBA to continue fiscal operations until a formal budget is adopted.

Mrs. Baggett will be presenting a budget amendment and formal interim budget resolution for the boards’ consideration during the June 9th board meeting.

5. CLOSED SESSION:

Mr. Ephraim Smith moved to go into closed session at 5:00 PM referencing NC General Statute (NCGS 143.318.11 (a6)). Dr. Ethan Lenker seconded the motion

Open Session:

Dr. Ethan Lenker moved to accept the personnel recommendations presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Davis informed the board of the following upcoming dates and events.

6.1 NERSBA Final Exams: May 24th-28th

6.2 2021 NERSBA Spring Semester: Friday, May 28th

6.3 Memorial Day Holiday: Monday, May 31st

6.4 NERSBA June Board of Directors Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 9th @ 4:30 PM

7. MOTION to ADJOURN

Dr. Brian Busch moved to adjourn meeting at 5:34 PM. Mr. Terry Draper seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA Board. Mr. Benjie Forrest adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Mrs. Inga Stotesberry,
NERSBA Administrative Assistant