



November 20, 2019
NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting
NERSBA Technology Center
4:30 PM

1. OPEN SESSION

- 1.1 Call to Order: Mrs. Jean Woolard, Chair (absent)
Mr. Benjie Forrest, vice-chair conducted the meeting.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Stotesberry
Present: Benjie Forrest, Julius Walker, Christie Bell, Dwight Respass, Ephraigm Smith, Ethan Lenker, Karen Clough, Melva Lilley, Brian Busch, Terry Draper
Absent: Jean Woolard, Jerry Phelps, Kenneth Harrell, Sandy Maddox, Simon Griffin
- 1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Benjie Forrest led the board.

2. AGENDA

- 2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest
Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote.
- 2.2 Public Comments: None
- 2.3 National FFA Convention Review/NERSBA Reverse Raffle Fundraiser
Ms. Katie Harris, Mrs. Julia Coltrain, and Ms. Heather provided an overview of the National FFA Convention and the experiences provided to our students.

Mr. Hal Davis thanked Mr. Curtis Bailey and the NERSBA FFA Alumni for providing a reverse raffle fundraiser for NERSBA. The event was well attended and the NERSBA FFA Alumni raised \$7000.00.

3.0 DISCUSSION (Action)

- 3.1 Approval of September 18th Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest
Mrs. Karen Clough moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dwight Respass seconded the motion and the motion passed with a majority vote.

- 3.2 NERSBA Fiscal Budget Update: Mr. Hal Davis
- A. NERSBA Finance Committee Meeting, December 6th @10:00 AM @ Pitt County Schools. (No Action)
- B. NERSBA 2018-2019 Fiscal Audit Update (December 11, 2019) (No Action)
The auditors will present at the December 2019 meeting.
- 3.3 NERSBA Strategic Plan/NERSBA Vision & Mission
- A. NERSBA Board Policy Manual
- Mr. Hal Davis requested that Dr. Larry Price serve as a consultant to update the board policy manual. The contract is for \$15,000 plus travel expenses. Any additions to the project will increase increments of \$1,000.00. This will be paid out of state contracted services. Mrs. Karen Clough made the motion to discuss this further. Mrs. Christie Bells seconded the motion. Mr. Benjie Forrest called for a vote and the vote was rendered to move forward of 7 yes/2 no.
- No, votes: Karen Clough, Terry Draper
Yes, votes: Julius Walker, Christie Bell, Dwight Respass, Ephraigm Smith, Ethan Lenker, Melva Lilley, Brian Busch
- B. NERSBA Organizational Structure
- A copy of NERSBAS Scholastic Leadership/Strategic Planning/School Improvement Team for the 2019-2020 year was presented by Mr. Hal Davis. This was tabled until the December board meeting. (No action)

4.0 **DISCUSSION (No Action)**

- 4.1 NERSBA Instructional Programs: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley
- Mr. Hal Davis indicated that the semester is coming to a quick conclusion in the middle of December. Dr. Melanie Stanley added that student schedules will be completed before the students go home for school. Our PACE program we will have guest speakers coming in to meet with our 9th graders to discuss specific Ag related careers and next semester we will have another group.
- 4.2 NERSBA Critical Incident Drill with Martin County Sherriff's Dept./Scholastic Resource Officers
- Mr. Hal Davis provided a copy of the critical incident plan. He explained that NERSBA participated in the Martin County active shooter drill. A final report of this drill will be provided to the school in January.
- 4.3 NERSBA Scholar Recruitment for 2019-2020 Mr. Hal Davis
- Mr. Hal Davis indicated that the recruiting process has already begun. The 2020-2021 application is available on our website.
- 4.5 NERSBA Scholar Data-Our Graduates in Review: Dr. Melanie Stanley
- Dr. Melanie Stanley presented an update on course offerings from 2012 to the current year. She provided the following information:
The curriculum students have to meet:
*22 NCDPI minimum requirements

*4 Agriculture course (including a 2nd level 1)

*College Credits

*SAE Requirements

*Capstone Project

College Partners:

Martin County Community College our CHIS higher education partner.

Beaufort County Community College

Pitt County Community College

University of Mount Olive

NC State University

2012-2013- 30 total seats and 1 course taken

2013-2014- 116 total seats with 7 courses taken

2014-2015- 463 total seats with 20 courses taken

2015-2016- 842 total seats with 44 courses taken

2016-2017- 765 total seats with 72 courses taken

2017-2018- 892 total seats with 91 courses taken

2018-2019- 971 total seats with 53 courses taken

5.0 **ELECTION of BOARD CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**

5.1 N.C. 115C-41(a) Election of Board Officers

Mr. Benjie Forrest was nominated by Mr. Ephraigm Smith to become the chairman. Mr. Ethan Lenker made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Julius Waler. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Benjie Forrest accepted the position of chairman.

Mr. Dwight Respass was nominated for Vice-Chair by Mr. Ephraigm Smith. Mrs. Melva Lilley nominated Mrs. Karen Clough and she declined the nomination. Mr. Ethan Lenker made the motion for Mr. Respass to serve as the vice-chair. Mr. Ephraigm Smith seconded the motion and it passed with a majority vote.

Chairman - Mr. Benjie Forrest

Vice-Chair - Mr. Dwight Respass

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6.1 NERSBA Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 11th @4:30 PM

6.2 State FFA Livestock Judging Career Development Event, Tuesday, November 26th (NC Fair Grounds)

6.3 NERSBA Fall Dance, Tuesday, November 26th @7 PM/Deadwood

6.4 Thanksgiving Holiday, November 28-29th

6.5 FFA Tractor & Truck Driving CDE Tuesday, December 3rd @ Southwest Edgecombe High School

6.6 NERSBA Final Exams, December 20th

6.7 Conclude NERSBA Fall Semester, December 20th

7. **ADJOURN**

7.1 Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Ephraigm Smith motioned to adjourn. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.