



**NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**NERSBA Technology Center**  
**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**  
**4:30 PM**

**1. Open Session-4:30 PM**

1.1 Call to Order/Welcome: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Stotesberry

Present: Benjie Forrest, Brian Busch, Julius Walker, Kenneth Harrell, Ephraigm Smith, Jerry Phelps, Joyce Moore, Ethan Lenker, Karen Clough (Phone), Terry Draper (Phone), Melva Lilley (Phone), Michele Spence (Phone)

Absent: Susan Tyre, Simon Griffin

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

1.4 Approval of January 19, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair  
Mr. Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented by Mr. Hal Davis.  
Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

1.5 Public Comments: None

**2. NERSBA Informational Items**

2.1 NERSBA Scholastic Report: Mr. William Askew

Mr. Askew presented information regarding the following items:

\*The 2022 Spring semester is underway with all scholars operating on a full-class schedule.

\*MCC classes have started. We are excited with Martin Community College providing NERSBA with two (2) "Edu-Carts" allowing students at NERSBA direct access to face-to-face instruction with the faculty at MCC.

\* The Tobacco Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$85,000.00 to build a new 30' X 72' Polycarbonate Greenhouse on our property has been delayed with respect to construction. The updated price of the facility has increased by a total of \$31,000.00 from the original quote. Mr. Askew is in the process of reaching out to other vendors for additional quotes regarding this project.

\*New scholar interviews are underway with sixteen interviews completed to date. Applications for new scholar enrollment are currently being accepted by our administrative offices.

\*COVID scholar exposures continue to impact our operational schedules. Mr. Askew reported that NERSBA operated on a virtual schedule from Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> due to COVID-related issues.

**2.2 NERSBA FFA Alumni Organization: Mr. William Askew**

Mr. Askew informed the board that our FFA Alumni met on January 6<sup>th</sup> and elected new officers as noted below:

Kim Peele, President  
April Rouse, Vice President  
Jennifer Taylor, Secretary  
Lisa Respass, Treasurer

The chapter membership discussed a number of goals to attain during the calendar year.

**2.3 NERSBA Board Policy Manual Updates: Mr. Hal Davis**

Mr. Davis noted that he was working with Dr. Larry Price to update our policy manual for the 2022-2023 academic school year. Our policy manual was formally approved by our board in May of 2019 with a number of legislative policies and mandates that need to be updated in our current policy outline.

**2.4 NERSBA 2022-2023 Academic Calendar Planning: Mr. Hal Davis**

Mr. Davis reported that work has started with the development of a proposed academic calendar for the 2022-2023 NERSBA academic calendar. Mr. Davis plans to have a preliminary draft calendar for the boards' review during the February board meeting.

**3. NC East Alliance Presentation: Mr. Vann Rogerson, President**

Mr. Vann Rogerson, Bruce Middleton and Todd Borghesani from the NCEast Alliance addressed the board noting the many highlights from their organization on topics including: (Presentation copy)

- Transform Professional Learning using a collective impact approach through the development of an "Industry in Schools Academy."
- A Regional Wide Professional Learning Program in eastern North Carolina as a potential STEM East Network and NC East Alliance Initiative
- The Regional Mission and Vision of NCEast Alliance
- Working With Correlate Groups
- Transforming Industry Opportunities into Student Experiences, Bridging Industry with Pedagogical Expertise
- Creating a Regional Human Library
- Measuring Success

Mrs. Joyce Moore moved to move forward with the development of a partnership between NERSBA and the NCEast Alliance as outlined Dr. Brian Busch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

Mr. Benjie Forrest signed a letter of Intent for a Strategic Partnership for Developing the Eastern North Carolina Smart AG Alliance on behalf of our NERSBA board of directors.

#### 4.0 NERSBA Financial Report

4.1 NERSBA Fiscal Update and NERSBA 2021-2022 Fiscal Budget Proposal: Mrs. Debra Baggett presented the budget resolution for the 2021-2022 academic calendar (packet provided) which included the following points.

\*Average Daily Membership Funding is based on 162 students

\*Budget by Fund

State \$1,697,891.20  
Local \$285,438.89  
Federal-IDEA \$214,526.69  
G-5 \$39,282.00  
Total Budget: \$2,237,138.78

\*Comparison from the 2020-2021 to 2021-2022 Budget indicates a decrease in the amount of **\$183,191.22** in state appropriations.

\*Fund Balance appropriated of \$25,000.00 for the 2021-2022 year.

\*Budget by Purpose

(5000) Instructional \$1,669,483.47  
(6000) Supporting \$557,474.21  
(8000) Non Programmed \$10,181.10  
Total Budget: \$2,237,138.78

After discussion from respective board members, Mr. Jerry Phelps moved to adopt and approve the NERSBA Budget Resolution for the 2021-2022 school year as presented by Mrs. Debra Baggett. With no further debate, the board voted to approve the resolution by a majority vote.

#### 5.0 NERSBA Action Items

5.1 Approval of December 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair  
Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to approve the December 2021 board meeting minutes as presented by Mr. Davis. Dr. Ethan Lenker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.2 NERSBA COVID-19 Protocols/Scholastic Plan to Promote Instruction (training bonus)  
Mr. Hal Davis provided a document outlining above.

**\*COVID 19 Protocols:**

Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to accept giving Mr. Davis/Mr. Askew the authority to make decisions due to COVID issues until the next February 16, 2022 board meeting. Mrs. Joyce Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

**\*Mitigation of Learning Loss Plan (training bonus)**

Mrs. Joyce Moore moved to approve the addendums and faculty professional development and training presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Ephraigm Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

**6.0 NERSBA Closed Session: NCGS 143-318.11.5 (Real Property)**

Referencing the statute listed above, Mr. Ephraigm Smith moved to go into closed session. Mr. Kenneth Harrell second the motion. The motion to go into closed session passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership at 5:47 PM.

The board returned to open session at 6:30 PM with no action taken by our board membership.

**7.0 Announcements**

Mr. Davis informed the board of events and activities on the upcoming calendar for NERSBA:

\*Cooperative & Innovative High School Leaders Meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>

\*NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 4:30 PM

\*NERSBA Parent/Scholar/Faculty Conferences: Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 5PM-7PM

**8.0 Motion to Adjourn**

The board approved a motion to adjourn their January meeting at 6:35 PM by affirmation.

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Mrs. Inga Stotesberry, Administrative Assistant  
Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and AgriScience**