



Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
NERSBA Technology Center
3:45 PM

1. OPEN SESSION 3:45 PM

- 1.1 Call to order: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
- 1.2 Welcome: Mrs. Melva Lilley/Mr. Greg Coltrain
Mr. Julius Walker introduced Mrs. Melva Lilley and Mr. Greg Coltrain as new board members.
- 1.3 Roll Call: Ms. Inga Moore
Present: Julius Walker, Jean Woolard, Benjie Forrest, Dwight Respass, Ephraigm Smith, Ethan Lenker, Melva Lilley, Greg Coltrain
Absent: Karen Clough, Kenneth Harrell, Mac Hodges, Sandy Maddox, Simon Griffin, Paul Hutchins
Tardy: Christie Bell, Jerry Phelps
- 1.4 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Benjie Forrest

2. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Julius Walker asked for a motion to go into closed session under items listed. Mrs. Jean Woolard made the motion; followed by a second from Mr. Ephraigm Smith. The motion passed unanimously at 3:54 p.m.

- 2.1 NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)/Attorney-Client Privilege/Legal Update: Mr. Hal Davis
- 2.2 NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)/Real Property: Mr. Hal Davis

3. AGENDA

- 3.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
The board meeting reconvened at 4:47 p.m. for open session. Mr. Ephraigm Smith made the motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented; followed by a second from Mr. Dwight Respass. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3.2 Public Comments: Mr. James Rosene
Mr. James Rosene requested to speak to the board to address a bullying issue that has been ongoing. He emphasized that he was not here as the president of the FFA Alumni, but as a parent. Mr. Rosene said, "board members, you have a problem here at this school that needs to be

addressed. You have a bullying problem and you've already lost one family because of this. Now my daughter is being bullied and my previous daughter was bullied. There are laws against this and I am getting tired of it. Y'all need to step up and do something in this school to stop this bullying. If not, I am going to contact the sheriff's office to deal with this and the media. As General Statute 115.407.15 clearly states, it's not allowed and my child should not have to deal with any of this. Now it's in your court and y'all deal with it the way you want. I brought it before you to handle it and thank you for your time."

Mr. Walker asked, I have one question to ask you, "Have you talked to the Principal about this?"

Mr. James Rosene replied, "it's been brought to his attention yes and yes, I have told him about it. My other daughter had the same problem and now my youngest daughter is having same problem and if this will be the kind of stuff this school is going to be then why are we fighting so hard to keep it open?"

Mr. Jerry Phelps asked, "What grade is your child in?" Mr. Rosene replied, "sophomore." Mr. Jean Woolard stated, "Well you didn't introduce yourself sir, did you?" Mr. James Rosene replied, "Yes I did. I told you I'm here as a parent not representing the Alumni tonight and wanted to make that stipulation clear."

Mr. Jean Woolard replied, "okay."

Mrs. Christie Bell stated, "I am the parent representative on the board and when my son was a freshman, he had a bullying issue and I brought it to Mr. Davis's attention. I'm just going to take up for the school and he (Mr. Davis) did a fantastic job of taking care of it. He and Mrs. Newman nipped it in the bud. My son is so thankful for this school and the staff."

Mr. James Rosene replied, "I'm not disagreeing with you and he did a great job with Jessica. This is an ongoing problem that needs to be addressed. That shouldn't be that much going on that causes parents to have to do this and I have got several parents that have contacted me as an Alumni member who have children here and said under no circumstances would they let their siblings come to this school under some of the history that's been going on here. Now that we have Martin County creating a school in this area like us and Beaufort County fighting us, I see us dying out in a couple of years. If we don't get our act together and become an outstanding school. I think we can be if we put our heads together and get going but we've drug our feet to long and it ain't done."

Mrs. Christi Bell asked, "what do you propose for us to do?"

Mr. James Rosene replied, "you need to come up with a strict policy. The law clearly states that you are supposed to have a policy in place. I mean if

one person gets away with it and then another person doesn't do nothing about it. You just can't say oh well h's just an outstanding student he's never caused any problems before we will just give him a warning this time. It just doesn't happen like that. It's out there on social media and that's even worse. It's one thing teasing one/one but when you get out there and put it on social media. I'll tell you my daughter has Bells Palsy and has a drooping eye and when she's made fun of I get really mad and very defensive of that. If I am little hostile to the Board I'm sorry to come off that way and I want to see some action done."

Mrs. Melva Lilley asked, "is this just one individual doing this or a group?"

Mr. James Rosene replied, "I only know of the one person sent the bullying snap chat message out about my daughter. As far as the bullying of the boy who left NERSBA, it is my understanding that it was a group of boys. This needs to be resolved."

4. DISCUSSION (ACTION)

4.1 Election of NERSBA Board Chair/Vice Chair

These officers will stay in position for a two-year term. Our committee that was tasked to elect new officers has brought forward the following names:

Jean Woolard for Chair

Benjie Forrest for Vice Chair

Mrs. Christie Bell made the motion for recommendations of Jean Woolard as Chair and Benjie Forrest as Vice-Chair, followed by a second from Mr. Ephraigm Smith. The motion passed unanimously. This will take effect for our December BOD meeting.

4.2 Approval of October 17th BOD minutes, Mr. Julius Walker, Chair

Mr. Benjie Forrest made the motion, followed by a second from Mr. Ephraigm Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

4.3 NERSBA Fiscal Budget Update: Mrs. Debra Baggett, NERSBA Finance Officer

Mr. Hal Davis reported that Mrs. Debra Baggett was not in attendance today. He met with Mrs. Baggett last week and we are now in the process of lining up all our budgets into budget codes we just approved the budget back in October. A full report will be presented at the December board meeting.

4.4 NERSBA Board Policy Committee Appointments: Mr. Hal Davis

Committee Appointed as follows:

Hal Davis, Melanie Stanley, Jerry Phelps, Jean Woolard, Julius Walker

Mr. Benjie Forrest made the motion to approve the committee as recommended; followed by a second from Mr. Dwight Respass. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION (NO ACTION)

5.1 NERSBA Instructional Programs: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley

Mr. Hal Davis indicated that “we are closing out the semester with fall exams in December. We are completing schedules for the spring semester.”

Dr. Melanie Stanley stated, “I will have to concur with Mr. Davis we have students taking classes with NC State, UMO MCC, BCC and PCC working with all of our partners getting students enrolled in college and NERSBA classes.”

5.2 NERSBA Strategic Plan: Mr. Hal Davis

NERSBA has contracted with Dr. Larry Price for help for a long range plan and is moving forward with this he will be on campus November 27th at NERSBA with

meeting with students, staff, parent focus group and with the BOD members December 12th board meeting.

5.3 RTI International Professional Leadership Services: Mr. Hal Davis

Dr. Stanley, Mrs. Riggs and Ms. Paul will be attending the RTI International Professional Development Conference on Friday.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Hal Davis

6.1 National FFA Convention Review

This was a successful trip for all who attended.

6.2 NERSBA Clothing Drive for Columbus County Early College and

Career Academy, Flair Bluff, NC

Our students collected clothes to donate to the students in Flair Bluff, N.C.

6.3 NERSBA National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Will be held Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 PM.

6.4 State FFA Vet Science Career Development Event

Saturday, November 17th

6.5 NERSBA Fall Dance will be held November 20th from 7-10 at Deadwood

6.6 Thanksgiving Holidays, November 22nd-25th

6.7 NERSBA Focus Group meeting with Dr. Larry Price, November 27th

6.8 NERSBA Decembers Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 12th at 2 PM starting with Dr. Larry Price.

7. ADJOURN

7.1 Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Dwight Respass stated that he wanted to add to closed session for the December 12th BOD meeting to the agenda 318.11.7 to talk about the bullying incident.

Mr. Ephraigm Smith made the motion to adjourn; followed by a second from Mr. Benjie Forrest. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m..