



NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

NERSBA Technology Center

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

4:30 PM

1. OPEN SESSION-4:30 PM

- 1.1 Call to Order: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair
The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Stotesberry
Present: Benjie Forrest, Julius Walker, Christie Bell, Ephraigm Smith, Ethan Lenker, Jerry Phelps, Simon Griffin, Brian Busch, Terry Draper.
Absent: Jean Woolard, Dwight Respass, Karen Clough, Kenneth Harrell, Sandy Maddox, Melva Lilley.
- 1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Julius Walker

2. AGENDA

- 2.1 Approval of September Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair
Mr. Ephraigm Smith made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion with the motion passing unanimously by the NERSBSA Board.
- 2.2 Public Comments:
Mrs. Kathy Buck addressed the board with thoughts and considerations regarding the "COVID-19 Virus Return To School Plan." She commented that "where we stand now, our plan is working so far, and we do not see the merits of changing...bottom line there is no "one size fits all" solution. However, it is obvious our current plan in effect is working, and it is keeping us healthy and learning. I propose to "not fix what is not broken".

3. Discussion (No Action)

- 3.1 NERSBA COVID-19 Virus Informational Update: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis provided a copy of the Martin-Tyrell-Washington District Health Virus update as of September 14, 2020 including district profiles.
- 3.2 NERSBA College Enrollment Information/2020 Fall Semester: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Hal Davis reported that everything remains as provided in August. The University of Mount Olive classes are taught on campus by Mrs. Michele Spence who is an adjunct teacher with the university. Mr. Davis thanked Dr. Busch and his staff at Martin Community College for their efforts in serving our NERSBA scholars this semester.
- 3.3 NERSBA 2020-2021 Student Enrollment Information
Mr. Hal Davis provided the enrollment report for September of 181 students by grade level and local educational agency.
- 3.4 NERSBA Strategic Plan: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Benjie Forrest reported to board members who could not attend the work session before the board of directors meeting that Mr. Davis reviewed the strategic priorities, strategic issues, goals, strategies/activities, metrics, start dates and deadlines outlined in the NERSBA Strategic Plan approved by our board in May of 2019. Six out of the eight correlates were reviewed; with Mr. Davis noting issues to address including scholar recruitment, selection of a Chief Executive Officer, facilities, activities, and curriculum. At the next board meeting on October 21st, Mr. Davis will complete this update. This work session will continue at 3:30 PM that afternoon.

- 3.5 NERSBA Performing Arts Center HVAC System: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis has secured quotes for this project and will be reviewing those proposals in detail. He will present a recommendation to our board of directors at the October board meeting.
- 3.6 NERSBA Parental Advisory Committee Update
Mr. Davis informed the board that he was recruiting new members to fill vacancies our NERSBA Parental Advisory committee. He will be working through respective LEA representatives to complete this process.
- 3.7 NERSBA FFA Alumni Raffle
Mr. Davis noted that a decision has been made to cancel the NERSBA FFA Alumni Reverse Raffle scheduled for October due to COVID-19 Virus. Mr. Davis informed the board of plans to resume this fundraising activity next fall on the part of our NERSBA FFA Alumni Chapter.

4.0 **DISCUSSION (Action)**

- 4.1 Approval of August 19th Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair
Mr. Ephraigm Smith made the motion to approve the August board meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by our NERSBA Board membership.
- 4.2 NERSBA Financial Report: Mrs. Debra Baggett
Fund balance for 2019 showing \$506,230.00 with an increase of \$154,062.00 leaving the ending balance as of 6/30/2020 at \$660,292.53.
 - A. NERSBA Budget Resolution
Mrs. Baggett informed the board that NERSBA was projected to have an average daily membership of 182 pupils enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year which directly impacts overall funding.

Budget Reports as:
 State: \$1,753,463.00
 Local: \$402,500.00
 Federal: \$48,446.59
 \$2,204,409.59 Total Budget

Expense by Purpose:
 Instruction Services \$1,498,213.08
 Support Services \$691,494.48
 Non- programmed \$14,702.02
 Total \$2,204,409.59

Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve the budget resolution as presented by Mrs. Baggett. Dr. Ethan Lenker seconded the motion. The motion to approve the 2020-2021 NERSBA budget resolution passed unanimously by a vote of the NERSBA board of directors.

- B. 2020-21 Finance Report as of 9/14/2020
Mrs. Debra Baggett provided an update on year-to-date revenues noting that NERSBA has not received any revenues to date. The respective LEAs are preparing their budget allocations with quarterly payments anticipated in the near future.

Year to Date Expenditures:
 State: \$1,335,036.50
 Expenses: \$194,803.54
 Balance: \$1,140,232.76

Local: \$402,500.00
 Expenses: \$68,421.41

Balance: \$334,078.59

Federal: \$48,500.00

Expense: \$2,797.62

Balance: \$46,648.97

- 4.3 NERSBA COVID-19 Academic Calendar Recommendation: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis reminded the board of the hybrid schedule NERSBA was operating with until October 12th, requesting direction from the board regarding scheduling for the remainder of the semester. Mr. Simon Griffin commented that “he had heard what he wanted to hear if it’s not broke then don’t fix it. Sounds like it’s been working here. “Let’s don’t be stupid. I think we should stay just like we are.” Mr. Ephraigm Smith also commented “let’s stay like we are until the end of the semester.”

Mr. Simon Griffin made a motion to continue the current hybrid schedule for the remainder of the semester. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of our NERSBA Board.

- 4.4 NERSBA Personnel Recommendation: Mr. Hal Davis
Mr. Davis made the following comments regarding personnel:
Mrs. Christi Rogerson retirement/resignation letter effective October 1, 2020.

Mr. Ephraigm Smith made the motion to accept the retirement/resignation letter from Mrs. Rogerson as presented. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of the NERSBA Board of Directors.

5.0 **Announcements**

- 5.1 First Quarter NERSBA Grading Period Concludes: Thursday, October 8th
5.2 NERSBA Designated Faculty Workday: Friday October 9th
5.3 NERSBA Scholar/Parent/Faculty Conferences: Thursday, October 15th (5:00-7:15 PM)
5.4 MERSNA FFA Jacket Presentation Ceremony: Thursday, October 15th (7:30 PM)
5.5 NERSBA October Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, 21st at 4:30 PM
Strategic Plan Work Session scheduled for 3:30 PM
5.6 NERSBA Veterans’ Day Holiday: Wednesday, November 11th

6. **Motion to Adjourn**

Mr. Ephraigm Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ethan Lenker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of our NERSBA Board of Directors.

Respectively Submitted,

**Mrs. Inga Stotesberry
Administrative Assistant To Mr. Hal Davis**