

Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2015

Time: 4:30 pm

Place: NERSBA Jamesville Campus

Present: Mac Hodges, Julius Walker, Kenneth Harrell, Ethan Lenker, Jean Woolard, Simon Griffin, Don Phipps, Matthew Babcock, Jerry Phelps

Absent: Joe Landino, Benjie Forrest, Dwight Respass, Paul Spruill, Karen Clough

Chairman Hodges called to order the August meeting of the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience Board of Directors at 4:35 pm on August 19, 2015.

Inga Spruill proceeded with roll call.

Vice-Chair Julius Walker led the board in prayer and the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hodges presented the agenda for board approval. With no additions or deletions to the agenda, Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the agenda followed by a second from Jean Woolard. The motion passed unanimously by the board membership.

Chairman Hodges offered the July board meeting minutes for consideration and noted the minutes were posted on the NERSBA website. Simon Griffin moved to approve the minutes followed by a second from Jean Woolard. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Christi Rogerson introduced herself and spoke on behalf of the NERSBA faculty, thanking the Board of Directors personally for the financial resources to secure planning periods that serve as a resource with collaborative efforts on the part of our school.

Finance Report: Michael Cowin

Chairman Hodges stated that due to the absence of Mr. Cowin, Principal Davis would update the board with respect to our fiscal operations to date. Mr. Davis informed the board that our budget resolution continues until the General Assembly gives approval to a final budget.

Principal Davis informed the board members of Mr. Michael Cowin's tremendous leadership to NERSBA. Mr. Cowin he will be assuming a position with the city of Greenville effective September 13, 2015. Mr. Cowin is very anxious for our school and wants to continue to see our school grow.

Chairman Hodges stated that he is a good man and the city of Greenville will be reaping his talents.

Introduction of New Employees: Principal Davis

Principal Davis stated we are very fortunate to have tremendous resources to add to our instructional team at NERSBA and introduced the new employees to the board:

- Brooke Gurganus
- Kristie Hardison
- Jennifer Marrow
- Angel Pearsall
- Sheena Slade
- Melissa Woolard

Board members will be hearing presentations during future meetings from all instructional program areas at NERSBA.

Chairman Hodges welcomed all new staff to attend any of the board meetings.

Principal Davis would like to add that Ms. Tiffany Hudson of the Roanoke Beacon has been covering our school is leaving and taking a job in southern Virginia. He thank her for her efforts and coverage of our school since day one.

Chairman Hodges welcomed Dr. Don Phipps, Superintendent of Beaufort County Schools as an official member of our board. He is assuming the board position formally held by Dr. Michael Dunsmore.

Case Institute Workshop: Buffy Everette/Cole Watkins

Principal Davis thanked Mr. Gerald Barlow from NC State University with his support for Mrs. Everette and Mr. Watkins to attend the CASE Institute.

Mr. Watkins and Mrs. Everette provided the board an update of their experiences with the CASE Institute and provided a copy to all BOD members of what their curriculums for plant science and animal science.

NERSBA Board Membership Committee Update: Jean Woolard

As reported at the last meeting the NERSBA board attorney is currently reviewing documents and legislation regarding NERSBA and board membership. An updated Board of Directors list was presented to the board membership. This committee will be making formal presentations to the board in the near future.

Old Business: Principal Davis

Martin Community College Memorandum Of Understanding Item 2.8 Questions:

Dr. Britt has asked for more time to contact the North Carolina Community College System. Matthew Babcock moved to table the 2.8 item to the next board meeting followed by a second by Julius Walker. The motion passed unanimously.

NERSBA Scholar Handbook:

Mr. Davis noted that during the July board meeting the Scholar Handbook was presented for approval. Changes and revisions were made as requested by the board with an updated document emailed to all Board of Directors for final review. Mr. Davis informed that board that he will meet with faculty, staff,

scholars, and parents and bring any requests and/or revisions back to the board in April of 2016 for approval for the 2016-2017 school year.

NERSBA Board Of Directors Retreat: Chairman Hodges

Mr. Hodges informed the board of a very productive retreat with Dr. Amelia McLeod and Mr. Alessandro Montanari from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction facilitating this session. Dr. McLeod would like to come back at the next board meeting in September at 3:30 pm to continue work on the boards' vision and mission.

New Business: Principal Davis

Mr. Davis updated the board of NERSBA Scholar enrollment for the 2015/2016 school year by Local Educational Agency a current enrollment of 210 scholars.

Principal Davis presented a proposed NERSBA Seal and Mascot to all board members for review.

After lengthy discussion from board members, Jean Woolard moved to approve the symbol as presented since the students have worked on it for three years and they and the parental advisory committee thinks it's a good thing. Matthew Babcock stated offering as a friendly amendment I think we need to make that a contingent on the FFA symbol as being copyrighted. Chairman Hodges stated the amendment very well taken we will vote on the motion as being amended. The motion passed unanimously by the board membership.

NERSBA Open House/ Alumni meeting:

Mr. Davis informed the board that NERSBA will be conducting an Open House on September 10, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm following with an NERSBA FFA Alumni Organizational meeting at 7:30 pm that evening.

General Information Items:

Board of Directors was provided this information.

- Parental Advisory Committee Members
- Parental Advisory Meeting Schedule
- Program Area Presentations Schedule for Board Of Directors
- Program Area Meeting Schedule with Principal Davis

Next Scheduled Board Meeting:

The September board meeting will be preceded with a Board Retreat Follow-Up Session starting at 3:30 pm on September 16th. The September board meeting will begin at 4:30 pm that afternoon.

Chairman Hodges commented in regards to Ms. Tiffany Hudson with the Roanoke Beacon and thanked her for all she has done for our school. He also welcomed Brian Buck a parent of a student enrolled at NERSBA and congratulated him on his appointment to the Mideast Committee.

Kenneth Harrell moved to go into closed session (NC G.S. 143-318.11 (5)/Facilities Lease Agreement) & (NC G.S. 143-318 .11(6)/Personnel) followed by a second by Jean Woolard at 5:40 pm with a 3 minute break.

Minutes submitted by: Inga Spruill