

Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2015

Time: 4:30 pm

Place: NERSBA Jamesville Campus

Present: Mac Hodges, Julius Walker, Joe Landino, Benjie Forrest, Dwight Respass, Michael Dunsmore, Kenneth Harrell, Jean Woolard, Simon Griffin, Karen Clough

Absent: Ethan Lenker, Paul Spruill, Matthew Babcock, Jerry Phelps

Chairman Hodges called to order the May meeting of the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience Board of Directors at 4:30 pm on May 20, 2015.

Inga Spruill proceeded with roll call.

Vice-Chairman Walker led the board in prayer and the US Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hodges presented the agenda for approval. With no changes to the agenda, Benjie Forrest moved to adopt the agenda as presented followed with a second by Jean Woolard. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

Chairman Hodges offered the April board meeting minutes for consideration and noted the minutes were posted on the NERSBA website. Joe Landino moved to approve the minutes followed by a second from Benjie Forrest. The motion passed with a majority vote of the board membership.

Public Comments: none

NCDPI: Dr. Amelia McLeod, Dr Nancy Barber:

Dr. Nancy Barber, Director of New Schools Transformation with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction presented board members ideas regarding assistance her program area may offer to NERSBA. During her presentation, Dr. Barber noted the following strategies her program may provide assistance with:

- Help NERSBA review and understand data and where some of the points are within that data they could have and impact.
- Examine NC laws that are telling us what needs to happen in schools and federal mandates we have to abide by.

Dr. Amelia McLeod will be contact person at the Department of Public Instruction for NERSBA. She serves across the state as a supervisor for transformation coaches working with school administrators.

Finance Report: Michael Cowin:

The summary budget as of May 18th shows operating costs at \$1,511,436.74. This is an increase of \$11,447.39 from local revenue. Mr. Cowin noted the following during his presentation:

- Approximately 85% of budget is going directly to classrooms
- Supporting dollars is approximately \$233,518.78
- Salaries and benefits stands at 64% of the total budget
- State/Local funding is \$1,346,858.64
- YTD expenditures stands at \$1,153,882.52
- Currently obligated stands at \$27,253.46 to close out school year.

With no further discussion Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the financial report as presented Mr. Cowin followed by a second from Michael Dunsmore. The motion passed unanimously by the board membership.

Proposed Budget for 2015/2016:

Mr. Cowin reported the projected scholars in Average Daily Membership at NERSBA during the 2015-16 school year is 214 students. This information was used to develop an operational budget of \$1,834,334.84 including:

- State dollars @ \$1,451,022.46
- Local dollars @ \$295,812.38
- Second year Golden Leaf Grant @ \$87,500.00

With no further discussion, Jean Woolard moved to approve proposed budget followed by a second from Dwight Respass. The motion to approve the 2015-16 budget passed unanimously by the board of directors.

NERSBA Curriculum Committee Meeting Update:

Principal Davis noted the May 28th meeting was cancelled due to conflicts. The meeting will be rescheduled for a later time and date prior to the next board meeting.

Old Business:

Principal Davis reported the Roanoke Beacon published the spring edition of Discover Magazine with two of our junior students Shanicia Young and Mitch Moore on the cover along with an article about Mrs. Julie Gurganus, Technology Coordinator at NERSBA.

Academic Rewards: Recommendations

Principal Davis recommended to the board that scholars be recognized with Honor and High Honor Status during respective graduation programs. Dwight Respass moved to approve the recommendations followed by a second from Kenneth Harrell. The motion passed unanimously by the board membership.

NERSBA Door Project:

During the October board meeting, Mr. Davis provided an estimate of \$3,500.00 to install interior door locks inside of all classrooms located on the Jamesville campus. After discussions with Martin County maintenance this estimate was increased to \$7,000.00 due to new hardware that would be necessary to complete this security project. Mr Davis felt it necessary for the board to be aware of the price difference.

Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the new estimate for door lock replacements with a second by Jean Woolard. The motion passed unanimously by the board membership

Case Institute:

Principal Davis reported to the board that Mrs. Buffy Everette and Mr. Cole Watkins had been selected by NC State University to participate in staff development training this summer through the CASE Institute. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NC State will pay for registration for this event with NERSBA making transportation arrangements for Mrs. Everette and Mr. Watkins.

New Business:

Principal Davis presented the board a proposed meeting schedule for the 2015-16 school year. This calendar was approved by the board membership.

NERSBA Final Exam Schedule:

Principal Davis noted the final exams are scheduled for June 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th with make-up exams set for June 10th and 11th.

State FFA Convention:

The State FFA Convention is scheduled for June 16th-18th at Raleigh Convention Center.

RJ Peeler FFA Camp:

NERSBA FFA members are scheduled to attend the RJ FFA Camp July 20-24 at White Lake, NC.

The next scheduled board meeting is set for June 10, 2015 at 4:30 pm at NERSBA Jamesville Campus.

Benjie Forrest moved to go into closed session under statute (NC G.S. 143-318.11 (5)/Facilities Agreement) and (NC G.S. 143-318.11 (6)/Personnel)

Open session Benjie Forrest moved to accept personnel recommendations as presented by Principal Davis with a second by Michael Dunsmore. The motion passed unanimously by the board membership.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Inga S. Spruill