

**Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Jamesville Technology Center
September 21, 2016
4:30pm**

1. OPEN SESSION -4:30 PM

1.1 Call to Order: Mr. Mac Hodges, Chairman

1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Spruill proceeded with the roll call.

Present: Mac Hodges, Joe Landino Benjie Forrest, Dwight Respass, Kenneth Harrell, Ethan Lenker, Jean Woolard, Paul Spruill, Simon Griffin, Jerry Phelps, Ephraigm Smith

Absent: Karen Clough, Don Phipps, Ann Britt

Tardy: Julius Walker

1.3 Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Ephraigm Smith led the Board of Directors in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: With no additions to the agenda, Mr. Kenneth Harrell motioned to accept the agenda as presented followed by a second from Mr. Joe Landino. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

2.2 Public Comments: Mrs. Natalie Woolard, mother of Nick and Lauren Dotson, expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Jessica Newman who has been very instrumental in helping her two children be more successful in their educational endeavors. In addition, she thanked all staff and the BOD for making NERSBA special.

3. Discussion (action)

3.1 Approval of August Meeting Minutes: Mr. Simon Griffin motioned to approve the August 2016 minutes as presented followed by a second from Mr. Julius Walker. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

3.2 NERSBA 2016-2017 Operational Budget: Mrs. Debra Baggett, Mr. Joe Landino:

According to Mrs. Baggett, the ADM for the past 5 years has grown from 55 students to 244 students. Below is the overview of the budget by funding source:

State: \$1,925,489.00
Local: \$329,481.55
Federal IDEA: \$36,389.22
G Grant: \$21,941.00
Totaling: \$2,313,310.37

Changes in Revenue by Fund: Increases Net Change showing

State: \$238,627.00
Local: \$41,962.97
Federal: \$10,344.62
Golden Leaf: <\$87,500.00> Expired
G5 Grant: \$21,941.00
Totaling: \$225,375.59

The Budget by Purpose: Instructional Funds spent on students is \$1,913,814.14, which is 83% of the total budget.

State Budget Detail: NERSBA receives \$1,925,489.00 from the state.

Local Fund: Showing \$329,481.85 with hopefully adding to this \$25,000.00 to the reserve at end of year.

Federal Funds: These funds are to be used for the EC program. The amount allocated is \$36,398.62.

G5 Grant: This funding source is to be used for staff development. The amount allocated by this grant is \$21,941.00.

Mr. Benjie Forrest stated that the per student charge for Pitt County Schools fiscal agent will increase from \$45.00 to \$65.00 per student, which is already included in the budget. There is a lot of effort that goes into these financial budget report, so we are proposing that we contract with Pitt County to continue this service by paying them from \$10,980.00 to \$14,645.00.

Mr. Jerry Phelps asked about the leasing of the building. The lease is based on a monthly charge which we are still paying as of now until everything is finalized with the switch over of the building to Martin Community College.

The stipend payments for board members are also included in the proposed budget. For those who are participating, this is just a small token of appreciation to board members serving time on our NERSBA BOD.

With no further discussion on the Budget Resolution, Mr. Benjie Forrest motioned to pass the Budget Resolution as presented followed by a second from Mr. Jerry Phelps. The motion was passed unanimously by the board.

3.3 National Honor Society Overnight Field Trip Approval to Washington, DC, Mr. Hal Davis: This field trip is scheduled for November 4th & 5th. The focus of this trip is the opportunity for our students to participate in the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in the Arlington National Cemetery. Mr. Benjie Forrest motioned to accept the field trip followed by a second from Mr. Simon Griffin.

4. DISCUSSION (No Action)

4.1 NERSBA Beginning Teacher Program: Mrs. Tracie Asby (see PowerPoint presentation) presented the Beginning Teacher Program here at NERSBA for the 2016-2017 school years. The focus of the program is to provide staff development and support that emphasizes the following: Personalization, Leadership, Powerful Teaching and Learning, Ready for College, Redefine Professionalism and Purposeful Design.

Where did we start and where are we now?

2012-2013 started with 4 teachers
2013-2014 3 teachers stayed, 1 left and 2 new hire
2014-2015 6 teachers stayed, 1 left and 2 new hire
2015-2016 7 teachers stayed, 2 left and 2 new hire
2016-2017 8 stayed, 2 left and 2 new hire

4.2 Math Program at NERSBA: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Rogerson (see PowerPoint presentation) NERSBA offers Math 1/Foundations of Math course (year-long), Math II, Math III, and Math IV. The teachers use the Core Plus textbooks and Math Diagnostic test and NCEMPT test to ensure students are placed in the appropriate level. The main premise of the Math program is to foster collaborative groups in which all participants have vital roles: Citizens (everybody), Interpreter (reader), Ambassador (presenter), Auditor (calculator), and Chairperson (cheerleader). There is a major emphasis of integrating the agriscience curriculum into the math curriculum through projects such as Crop Lab Design and Statistics in Ag projects. In addition, the instructors focus on integrating technology in the classroom through the use of interactive boards, laptops, cell phones, Canvas, clickers, and other technology resources available through the school.

The National Honor Society induction will be held on November 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. There will be 45 students inducted. After this induction, the NERSBA NHS membership will be 86. Also, the NHS will be holding another Blood Drive on April 13, 2017.

4.3 MCC/UMO Update: Dr. Melanie Stanley: Dr. Stanley reported that 64% of our students are enrolled in some type of college course this semester. During the spring, 100% of students will be enrolled in some type of college course.

4.4 2015-2016 NERSBA Scholastic Performance Data: Mrs. Julie Gurganus: Mrs. Gurganus provided the data that was released on September 1st. The actual final data will not be released until mid-October, after any changes submitted by schools. NERSBA'S overall school performance grade is a B with a score of 76. The data reflected that 83% of our students enrolled in Math 1 were proficient, 70% of students in English II were proficient; 71% of students in Biology were proficient; 75% of the 11th grade students who took the ACT had a composite score of 17 or higher; more than 95% of the students who took the ACT Workkeys had a silver or higher award; and more than 95% of our graduating seniors took Math III or higher. See the handout for further details.

4.5 NERSBA Parental Advisory Committee Membership: Mr. Hal Davis Mr. Davis reported that the Parental Advisory Committee will meet on a regular basis. There are a few new members.

5. REIMNDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1 University of Mount Olive AgFest: September 22nd 2016 - 35 NERSBA students attending.

5.2 NERSBA Scholar Volunteer Program: Our first Volunteer day is scheduled for September 30th.

5.3 Northeast Regional Cooperative Innovated High Schools Meeting: October 5th in the Technology Center.

5.4 Parent/Teacher/Scholar Conference Meetings: October 13th and 14th.

5.5 October NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting: October 19th 2016 at 4:30 pm.

5.6 NERSBA Scholastic Organization Development Committee Meeting: TBA

Mr. Joe Landino reported that Mr. Simon Griffin has agreed to serve on the budget committee in Matthew Babcock's place.

Dr. Melanie Stanley attended the Town of Jamesville meeting to present to council for NERSBA to have a chicken coop on campus. The Town of Jamesville has agreed for NERSBA to have only laying hens, no roosters, in a mobile unit. Mrs. Spence and Mr. Riggs are collaborating to incorporate this into their curriculum during the spring semester.

Mr. Benjie Forrest indicated that repairs to the old ag mechanics facility would be a perfect location for the UMO small engine repair courses.

All BOD members are required to fill out the payroll stipend information and get it back to Mrs. Spruill asap.

6. ADJOURN: With no further business, Mrs. Jean Woolard motioned to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Mr. Julius Walker. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm with no closed session.