



NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL of Biotechnology and Agriscience

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

4:30 PM

NERSBA Technology Center

1. OPEN SESSION – 4:30 PM

- 1.1 Call to Order: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
Call to Order at 4:30 p.m. Special thanks to Ms. Christie Bell
- 1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Spruill
Present: Julius Walker, Mac Hodges, Joe Landino, Benjie Forrest, Kenneth Harrell, Ethan Lenker, Jerry Phelps, Ephraigm Smith, Christie Bell, and Simon Griffin.
Absent: Jean Woolard, Dwight Respass, Paul Spruill, Karen Clough, Don Phipps, and Sandy Maddox
- 1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Benjie Forrest

2. AGENDA

- 2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
Mr. Harrell made the motion to approve the agenda as presented and was second by Mr. Hodges. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 2.2 Public Comments
None
- 2.3 Introduction of New NERSBA Faculty: Mr. Hal Davis
Mrs. Stalls, Ms. McPherson, Ms. Chandler, and Ms. Modlin have joined our faculty and staff.
Mr. Walker added to the new staff “thank you very much for joining us at NERSBA and looking forward to working with you this year. We are looking for a banner year! Welcome and thank you very much.”
- 2.4 NERSBA Faculty Professional Development Through The NC Museum of Natural Resources: Ms. Ginny Paul attended the Educators of Excellence Institute offered through the Natural Sciences Museum. There was an application process. Ms. Paul was one of 14 teachers from across NC and travelled to Yellowstone State Park. The purpose was to have “hands-on” learning activities to learn from various biologists and National Geographic photographer and bring those experiences back into the classroom. In order to be a participant, must agree to teach in NC for another year and then create a lesson unit based on what you have learned from this experience and then apply in the classroom. In November, Ms. Paul will have to present her findings from implementing her unit plan back to the group who attended and the Natural Sciences Museum. NERSBA funded Ms. Paul’s portion (\$950) for this trip. The remainder of the funding was covered through the Natural Sciences Museum.

3. DISCUSSION (Action)

- 3.1 Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
Mr. Forrest made the motion to approve the July Board meeting as presented with a second by Mr. Griffin. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 3.2 NERSBA 2016-17/2017-18 Fiscal Budget Update: Mrs. Debra Baggett, NERSBA Finance Officer
This item was tabled until the September 2017 Board meeting since Mrs. Baggett was unable to attend this meeting.
- 3.3 2017-18 NERSBA Academic Calendar Adjustment: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis indicated that the approved 2017-2018 Academic Calendar has 11 annual leave days identified. According to the state, public schools must have a minimum of 10 annual leave days. Mr. Hodges made the motion to let the calendar remain as the board had previously approved with a second by Mr. Griffin. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION (No Action)

- 4.1 NERSBA Beginning Teacher Audit: Dr. Melanie Stanley, Mrs. Sonya Rinehart (NCDPI)
Mrs. Rhinehart is a regional educational facilitator who ensures that new teachers are supported. GS. ILCN-004 and ELVL 004 are 2 general statutes that deal with beginning teaching requirements and teacher evaluation. NERSBA has hosted a regional peer review. This session was held last school year and NERSBA session was the 1st peer review session that was SKYPED. Every 5 years, NCDPI complies with the General Statutes to conduct a monitoring visit to ensure that NERSBA is compliant with the standards set forth in the beginning teacher statutes, policies, and procedures.
Areas of concern: Criteria to be a mentor is articulated and there is ongoing professional development for mentors. Encourage mentor networking/collaborating.
Recommendation: Continued to utilize a calendar matrix to be in compliance with General Statutes. Maintain mentor logs to ensure mentors are meeting and supporting the beginning teachers.
If you wish to review the report, please contact Dr. Stanley or Mr. Davis and this report will be provided.
- 4.2 NERSBA Foundation Update: Mr. Joe Landino
NERSBA has already established a foundation July 2013. It is an educational foundation. The purpose is to raise various funds and distribute these funds to NERSBA. It fits perfectly to receive gifts. At this time, only Mr. Landino is recognized as a committee member. David Peele with legal counsel created this Foundation. There has not been an official meeting nor has a tax return been filed. Mr. Landino is volunteering to file the tax returns for the Foundation for the past 3 years. Mr. Landino is going to contact the directors and determine if they are willing to continue to serve on the Education Foundation Board. It may be necessary to restructure this Foundation board. Please see the handout for more information.
Funding and/or gifts from the Foundation will be handled through its own financial.
Mr. Hodges made a motion to allow Mr. Landino move forward with submitting the tax returns and contacting the 7 directors to see if they were interested in continuing to serve as a director of the NERSBA Educational Foundation. This motion was second by Mr. Harrell. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 4.3 NERSBA Instructional Program Updates: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley
August 1 was the first day of school for our freshmen. On August 8, our sophomores came for their first day. The juniors, seniors, and super-seniors came on August 15 to receive information about class rings and ordering caps/gowns for graduation.
- 4.4 NERSBA 2017-18 Scholar Enrollment Information: Mr. Hal Davis
Please see the handout for specifics of the enrollment data. Mr. Hodges indicated that the Chairman of the Beaufort County Schools Board of Education has requested the NERSBA enrollment data. The Beaufort County commissioners are also very concerned about the enrollment numbers
Mr. Phelps requested that homeschool and private data be presented as well.
Mr. Forrest stated that about 1/3 of the NERSBA enrollment was from private or homeschooled.
Mr. Lenker asked if it was legal to contact other counties to join NERSBA. Are we limited to these 5 counties? Mr. Landino indicated that we have discussed this in previous meetings.
Senate Bill 211 indicates that other counties can join upon approval of the board.
- 4.5 NERSBA Parental Advisory Committee Membership: Mr. Hal Davis
We need 2 new members from Washington, 1 from Beaufort and 1 from Pitt counties to serve on this committee. Mr. Davis typically seeks parent volunteers and then each LEA approves these parents to serve on this committee. Mr. Davis acknowledged Ms. Bell as a member of this committee who is now serving on the NERSBA Board of Directors.

5. REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5.1 August 16th: NERSBA Classring/Graduation Cap/Gown/Invitation Presentations, 9:00/11:00 AM
5.2 August 17th: NERSBA Sophomore Field Experience @ Tidewater Research Station – 10th grade students
5.3 August 18th: NERSBA English III Classes @ The Lost Colony, Manteo, NC
5.4 September 1st: NERSBA Home Satellite Day
5.5 September 21st: University of Mount Olive AgFest
5.9 September NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Date: September 20, 2017 @ 4:30 PM

Mr. Forrest indicated that he has had several parents requesting that the Yearbooks/annuals are more substantial with a hardcover. Currently NERSBA is contracted with Jostens to help produce these annuals. Mr. Davis indicated that we are trying to produce a product that parents/students can invest in. The board has indicated that they would like for the administration to review this process and see what we can do to address this issue.

6. NERSBA Closed Session

Mr. Harrell made the motion to go into closed session with a second by Mr. Griffin. The motion was approved unanimously at 5:26 p.m.

- 6.1 (NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1))/(Privileged Information)
- 6.2 (NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5))/(Facilities Lease Agreement)
- 6.3 (NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1))/Student Records

Mr. Landino made the motion to come out of closed session with a second by Mr. Harrell. The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Adjourn

- 7.1 Motion To Adjourn

Mr. Harrell made the motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Forrest. The motion passed unanimously.