



NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL of Biotechnology and Agriscience

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 PM
NERSBA Technology Center

1. Open Session-4:30 PM

1.1 Called to Order:

Mrs. Jean Woolard, Vice-Chair called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 4:30 PM.

1.2 Roll Call:

Inga Spruill proceeded with the roll call. Present: Jean Woolard, Mac Hodges, Joe Landino, Benjie Forrest, Kenneth Harrell, Ethan Lenker, Jerry Phelps, Don Phipps, Ephrigham Smith, Simon Griffin. Late: Paige Harris. Absent: Julius Walker, Dwight Respass, Paul Spruill, Karen Clough, and Sandy Maddox.

1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Mac Hodges

Mr. Mac Hodges led the Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Agenda

2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mrs. Jean Woolard, Vice-Chair

Mrs. Jean Woolard requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Mac Hodges made a motion to accept as presented followed by a second by Mr. Kenneth Harrell. The motion was passed unanimously by the board.

2.2 Public Comments:

None

2.3 NERSBA Instructional Program Updates: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley

Mr. Hal Davis reported that we have completed administering the exams and they went very well. Faculty and Staff are getting ready for the 2017/2018 academic year.

3.0 Discussion (Action):

3.1 Approval of May Board Meeting:

Mrs. Jean Woolard requested a motion to approve the May minutes that are posted on NERSBAS website. Mr. Joe Landino motioned to accept as presented followed by a second from Mr. Ephraigm Smith. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

3.2 NERSBA Fiscal Budget Update/Budget Amendment #3:

Mrs. Debra Baggett, NERSBA Financial Officer presented the Financial Report (please see handout for specifics).

*Budget for year shows \$2,360,859.94 with 82% of this is state funds of \$1,936,836.00.

*Amendment#3 we received an additional \$5,000.00 in state funds for connectivity (technology).

With the Federal additional funds showing \$4,965.00 for EC program.

Mrs. Jean Woolard requested a motion to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Kenneth Harrell made the motion to accept as presented followed by a second from Mr. Simon Griffin. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

2016-2017 Financial Report:

Mrs. Debra Baggett presented that everything has been shut down financially except for 1 payroll left to run next week for June (see packet for specific details).

*Federal Funds balance showing \$16,228.86 this will roll over to 2017/2018 year budget. Renewal will be October 1st.

*G-5 Grant balance showing \$11,486.20 this will be spent this summer for Professional Development for the faculty this summer.

*Golden Leaf balance showing \$16,446.00 this is for transportation for students and will roll over.

*Local Funds balance showing \$123,841.44 the majority of this will roll over to the fund balance.

CRI requests for the BOD to approve the NC Local Government Commission Audit Contract (see print out) this outlines the following understands with concerns to the 2016-2017 financial audit. Mrs. Jean Woolard requested a motion to approve. Mrs. Paige Harris motioned to accept as presented followed by a second by Mr. Mac Hodges. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

Mr. Hal Davis added auditors will be on campus in 2 weeks for the audit process for an internal review.

3.3 Approval:

Mr. Hal Davis requested a calendar change from April 20th to a Home Satellite Day and April 27th to a regular school day. Mr. Ethan Lenker motioned to accept as presented followed by a second from Mr. Kenneth Harrell. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

3.4 Approval:

NC FFA State Leadership Conference with 12 students attending and the RJ Peeler Camp schedule for July 31st – August 4th. Mr. Benjie Forrest motioned to accept as presented followed by a second by Mr. Ephraim Smith. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

3.5, 3.6 Approvals:

Mr. Davis requested that the NERSBA Winter Commencement date be set for January 6, 2018 and the Spring Commencement Date be set for May 19, 2018. Mr. Mac Hodges motioned to accept as presented followed by a second by Mr. Benjie Forrest. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

3.7 Approval:

Mr. Davis presented the 2017/2018 Board of Director proposed meeting schedule (see handout for details). Mrs. Paige Harris motioned to accept as presented followed by a second by Mr. Kenneth Harrell. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

4.0 Discussion (no action)

4.1 NERSBA 2017/2018 New Scholar Enrollment Information: Mr. Hal Davis provided a handout of all LEA's Applicant #'s, Acceptance #'s, not Acceptance #'s and other options (see handout for details).

Beaufort County: 22 (35%)

Martin County: 12 (19%)

Pitt County: 15 (24%)
Tyrrell County: 0
Washington County: 9 (22%)
Total enrolled: 63 (100%)

Beaufort County is very concerned about their numbers. They are losing a lot of money that follows the student. It has been brought before their BOE and something needs to be done to lighten the burden of Beaufort County.

Mrs. Paige Harris, when will it been discussed with Tyrrell County board why Mr. Hal Davis has not been allowed to recruit in Tyrrell County Schools? A request was made to all Superintendents to come into the schools and the Tyrrell County Board has turned down the request for the past 2 years.

Mr. Joe Landino said that this should be taken up with the BOE. Do they want to continue as a partner with NERSBA or pull away?

Mrs. Paige Harris said that it's time to start reaching out to other counties to bear the burdens of students that have graduated.

Mrs. Jean Woolard indicated that we need to refer this to the State Board of Education since the creation of NERSBA was approved by them and Tyrrell County BOE agreed to be part of this regional school.

Mr. Jerry Phelps stated that students can still come to NERSBA; however, the ADM monies will follow the child. Hal's problem is the access to the students. We need to address this in a different way of reaching out to them whether it be through a community meeting in Columbia or at a different location other than the schools like we do in Washington County at the VJC. We have to have a different way of getting the word out to students.

Mr. Benjie Forrest stated that he thought it was time to start looking at other counties and even the Home Schooled Students. Mr. Lenker offered to invite Mr. Davis to the next Home Schooled meeting held at PCS .

The BOD established the following committee for addressing the issues with enrollment numbers per county and looking at the Home School attendees as follows:

Joe Landino, Chair
Benjie Forrest
Mac Hodges
Simon Griffin

4.2 Martin Community College Memorandum of Understanding:

Dr. Melanie Stanley presented that every year we have to review, make any amendments and bring forth to the MCC board for consideration for the MOU. Martin Community College put the MOU back in place to use provisional status which had been removed based on their audit from previous years. So this was put back into the MOU so student now will have the opportunity who don't test well on placement test to take a course to see if they can manage the course without the placement test have to have a C or better and two high school English's or C or better with Math and have attempted to take

the placement test before we place them in that provisional status. Once they pass the course with a C or better they will come off the provisional status.

4.3 NERSBA Faculty PD Initiative (July 18th- 20th):

Dr. Melanie Stanley has been working on a PD (Professional Development) Retreat for the past two months. This will be paid through the G5 Grant. Currently, we have a little over \$11,000.00 to work with. We are focusing on the Biotech/Medical field and manufacturing. We will be traveling to the Raleigh/Durham area and all staff will be attending.

*Simple Natural Creamery

*Syngenta

*Bayer Crop Science

*NC Central University

5. Reminders/Announcements:

5.1 Mr. Hal Davis thanked the BOD members for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner

5.2 Exams/Testing went well

5.3 June 17th is our Spring Commencement held at 10 am with reception starting at 9:15 am.

5.4 June 20-22 NC State FFA Convention

5.5 July NERSBA Board meeting date: July 26, 2017 @ 4:30 PM

Addition Public Comment: Ms. Crystal Jennings

Mrs. Jean Woolard gave Ms. Jennings 5 minutes to speak even though she did not sign up for public comments @ 5:30 pm before closed session. Ms. Jennings expressed her concern for her daughter Novella Jennings about NERSBA making the decision to not granting her a High School Diploma etc., (see hand out letter for more specifics). Ms. Jennings spoke her concerns and Mrs. Jean Woolard thanked her and indicated that the BOD will discuss further and contact will come later by letter.

Mrs. Jean Woolard offered a motion to go into closed session under statues listed below with a 5 minute break. Mr. Kenneth Harrell motioned followed by a second by Mr. Mac Hodges. The motion was passed unanimously by the board.

6.0 NERSBA Closed Session: @ 5:25 PM

6.1 (NC G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1)/Privileged Information)

6.2 (NC G.S. 143-318.11(5)/ (Facilities Lease Agreement)

6.3 (NC G.S. 143-318.11 (6)/ (Personnel)

Open Session:@6:00 PM

Mr. Jean Woolard offered a motion for Personnel Recommendations were accepted as presented. Mr. Mac Hodges motioned followed by a second from Mr. Benjie Forrest. The motion passed unanimously by the board at 6:02 PM.

Mr. Mac Hodges motioned followed by a second from Mr. Jerry Phelps. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

