



Wednesday, March 15, 2017

NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

4:30 PM

NERSBA Technology Center

1. OPEN SESSION – 4:30 PM

- 1.1 Call to Order: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Dr. Melanie Stanley conducted the roll call.
 - 1.2.1 Present: Mac Hodges, Julius Walker, Kenneth Harrell, Benjie Forrest, Karen Clough, Jean Woolard, Simon Griffin, Paul Spruill, Ephraim Smith, Dwight Respass, Don Phipps, Paige Harris (late)
 - 1.2.2 Absent: Jerry Phelps, Joe Landino, Ethan Lenker, Ann Britt, Sandy Maddox
- 1.3 Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Benjie Forrest led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. AGENDA

- 2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Julius Walker asked for an approval of the agenda
 - 2.1.1 Motion made by Mac Hodges.
 - 2.1.2 Motion second by Kenneth Harrell
 - 2.1.3 Motion was approved unanimously.
- 2.2 Public Comments: None
- 2.3 NERSBA Board of Directors Oath of Office: Mrs. Tonya Leggett, Martin County Clerk of Superior Court swore in Julius Walker, Simon Griffon, Paul Spruill, Jean Woolard, and Dwight Respass to their respective positions on the NERSBA Board of Directors. Paige Harris was absent and was not sworn in at this time.
- 2.4 NERSBA Instructional Program Updates: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley introduced the following updates:
 - 2.4.1 Legislative Day: Jonathan Riggs, agricultural teacher, provided a summary of the field trip for Legislative Day in Raleigh, NC. Several students took advantage of this opportunity to go and meet with Harry Brown. Johnson Buck and Erica Baynor (students) indicated that they met with Senator Harry Brown and discussed with him what NERSBA was doing. Senator Brown asked students about any issues or concerns they had with regards to NERSBA. The students identified that transportation was an issue and the concern that since it was a regional school, it was difficult for us to do things before and after school. Mr. Riggs stated that he focused that “NERSBA has to do it better or take it somewhere else!” Senator Brown stated that NERSBA was the model and he is hoping to replicate this in Onslow County. In addition to meeting with Senator Brown, the students met with Jeff Warren, Senior Science Advisor. Mr. Forrest asked if the students invited Senator Brown to visit NERSBA and they all responded “YES”.
 - 2.4.2 Europe Trip: Kristie Hardison and Tracie Asby introduced several students who participated in this event. Nate Pearson, Christian Liverman, Kathryn Leggett, and Logan Modlin shared a slide presentation of their excursions in London and Paris. Mrs. Harris inquired if the students would ever go on this trip again and all of the students indicated that they would love to go back and tour these areas again. The board and administration thanked Mrs. Hardison, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Asby, and Mrs. Newman for leading this expedition. Mr. Davis indicated that this was well planned, even down to the time that the bus would be back on NERSBA campus.
 - 2.4.3 Science Olympiad: Sarah Bennett and Ana Gomez served as the advisors for the Science Olympiad. Mrs. Bennett stated that 16 students participated and Efren Martinez-Gomez was the team captain. Efren organized the team and led many of the practice sessions. The team placed 10th out of 20 teams

competing. Mr. Spruill was impressed that these students took the initiative to provide this opportunity to promote STEM.

- 2.4.4 University of Mount Olive (UMO) Agriscience Events: Julie Gurganus shared that all 9th grade students went to UMO to participate in several hands-on laboratories emphasizing the offerings in Agriscience at UMO. The activities focused on animal science, greenhouse/horticulture, soil sciences, welding/machine shop, and leadership activities. The 10th and 11th grade students will be attending similar events in May. Also, Mrs. Gurganus indicated that on April 1, 2017, several students will be touring the Vet Center at NCSU. All of these are paid through the extended funding from the Golden Leaf grant.

3. DISCUSSION (Action)

- 3.1 Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Julius Walker requested a motion to approve the February board meeting minutes.
- 3.1.1 Benjie Forrest made the motion to approve.
- 3.1.2 Mr. Hodges second the motion.
- 3.1.3 The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3.2 NERSBA 2017-18 Fiscal Budget Update/NERSBA Finance Committee: Mrs. Debra Baggett presented the budget amendments for this pay period. Mr. Davis indicated that NERSBA purchased the car that was approved at the February Board meeting. Please see the Blue attachment for more specifics about the amendments to the budget during this period. Mrs. Woolard made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Mr. Harrell second the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Baggett presented the March 2017 financial report. Tyrrell and Washington counties had not supported their Quarter 3 ADM funding to NERSBA. We have spent 65% of the state funds allocated to NERSBA. According to Mrs. Baggett, we are on target with our spending and are in the initial process of closing the books for the 2016-2017 school year. This means that all purchase orders and payments from vendors need to be paid in the very near future. Mr. Hodges made the motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Spruill second the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis announced that there will be a budget committee meeting on Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Mrs. Baggett's office.

4. DISCUSSION (No Action)

- 4.1 2017-18 NERSBA Academic Calendar Proposal: Mr. Hal Davis presented the proposed scholastic calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. This calendar was devised with faculty/staff, parent, and student input. Mr. Davis held several work sessions with each of these groups to develop the calendar, keeping in mind the MCC and UMO calendars. This is for your review at this point. Mr. Hodges requested that we go ahead and approve this, but Mr. Forrest indicated that according to parliamentary rules, it needs to be done at the next board meeting since this change was not made during the approval of the agenda segment at the beginning of the meeting.
- 4.2 NERSBA 2017-18 New Scholar Applications Update: Mr. Davis presented an overview of the applications received by NERSBA per school district. At this time, there are 95 applications (Beaufort County = 40, Martin County = 20, Pitt County = 15, Washington County = 20, Tyrrell County = 0). Interviews will be held over the course of the next month. Mr. Davis is looking at bringing in 55 new students to NERSBA for the 2017-2018 school year. It is important to know that some of these students may have also applied to their respective early colleges. Mr. Hodges indicated that there has been some concern about budget issues and school division sending the ADM money to Early colleges and schools such as NERSBA. Mr. Hodges questioned why the numbers were so low in applications from Pitt County. Mr. Davis indicated that due to some personnel changes at the various schools in Pitt County this may have contributed to the low numbers. Then Mr. Hodges questioned why there were no applications from Tyrrell County. Mrs. Clough indicated that the Tyrrell County board of education voted to not allow NERSBA to recruit students during the school day as they have done in the past. This was in response to the low enrollment in Tyrrell County and why should they transport students to NERSBA when Tyrrell County offers the same programs as NERSBA does. Dr. Phipps indicated that 50% of the current freshmen are from Beaufort County and agreed that there are budget concerns with regards to promoting schools such as NERSBA. Mr. Harrell inquired about the number of advertisements in the local newspapers and whether these advertisements were feasible and effective. Mr. Davis indicated that they were. Mr. Respass and Mr. Forrest added that NERSBA has a lot to offer its

students. The CASE program is outstanding and NERSBA is one of the few schools certified in this program. Mr. Respass indicated that NERSBA was a model school. Mr. Harrell asked if NERSBA was continuing its partnership with the Vernon James Center. Mr. Davis indicated that our students have attended some events held at the VJC.

- 4.3 NERSBA Series 4000/7000 Board Policies: Dr. Melanie Stanley stressed that due to personnel changes at the NC School Board Association in the legal department, Attorney Scheef has taken a new role in the organization and NERSBA was assigned a new attorney to work with us to develop the Board policies. Due to this change, the new attorney was not available to meet with us to discuss the policies. However, the advice from the new attorney was to have our own school attorney review the policies and make recommendations.

5. REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5.1 NERSBA Operational Schedules/Program Events: Please see the handout provided for specific dates.
5.2 NERSBA National Honor Society Red Cross Blood Drive: April 13th (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)
5.3 April NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Date: April 19, 2017 @ 4:30 PM

Mr. Davis also reiterated that the Finance Committee will meet on Friday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. in Mrs. Baggett's office.

6. NERSBA Closed Session

Mrs. Woolard made a motion to go into closed session based on the statutes listed below. Mr. Harrell second the motion and the motion was passed unanimously at 5:55 p.m. by the board.

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

Mr. Hodges made a motion to go into open session. Mr. Forrest second the motion and the board passed the motion unanimously.

7. Adjourn

- 7.1 Motion To Adjourn was made by Mr. Forrest and second by Mr. Smith. The motion was passed unanimously at 6:15 p.m.