



# NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL of Biotechnology and Agriscience

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**  
**NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**4:30 PM**  
**NERSBA Technology Center**

## **1. OPEN SESSION- 4:30 PM**

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

## **2. AGENDA**

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- 2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair  
Mr. Simon Griffin made the motion to approve the agenda as presented and was second by Mr. Benjie Forrest. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 2.2 Public Comments: None  
Mr. Hal Davis introduced Dr. Kenneth Boham that came onboard in February 2017 and welcomed him to the board of directors.
- 2.3 Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders Program: Ms. Logan Modlin, Mr. Hal Davis  
Mr. Hal Davis introduced Ms. Logan Modlin for her presentation. Ms. Logan Modlin, Senior at NERSBA attended this week long program this past summer and enlightened the board of her experience of the program.
- 2.4 The College Experience for NERSBA Scholars: Dr. Stanley, Mrs. Jessica Newman, Ms. Angel Pearsall, Mrs. Melissa Woolard, Mrs. Jennifer Marrow  
Mrs. Jessica Newman, Career Development Coordinator reported that NERSBA has 77.92% of students who are enrolled in a college class this includes freshman. Students are enrolled at MCC, BCC, PCC, UMO and NCSU. We are covering a wide variety of programs.  
Dr. Kenneth Boham reports that starting in January MCC will offer Vet Tech program.  
Mrs. Jennifer Marrow, Facilitator on NERSBA campus work with sophomores, working with students taking college classes, checking grades, communicating with the instructors and making phone calls to parents if need be.  
Mrs. Melissa Woolard, Facilitator, transports students from NERSBA campus to MCC campus for the day. Mrs. Woolard stays on MCC campus for any help with students/instructors for any questions or needs that may arise.

Ms. Angel Pearsall, Facilitator, located her on NERSBA campus and works with freshman one on one as these are first time college students. Junior class are taking a wide variety of college courses and had experience with college courses where she monitors them along with checking grades and making phone calls to parents if need be.

Mr. Hal Davis recognizes Mrs. Michele Spence, UMO Instructor that comes on Tuesday and Thursday for instruction time.

### **3. DISCUSSION (ACTION)**

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#### 3.1 Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair

Mr. Mac Hodges made the motion to approve the August Board meeting minutes as presented with a second by Mr. Kenneth Harrell. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3.2 NERSBA 2016-2017 Fiscal Budget Update: Mrs. Debra Baggett, NERSBA Finance Officer

Mrs. Baggett presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Budget by Fund. Budget for NERSBA \$2,318,229.16 breakdown by fund shows State \$1,915,639.00, Local \$328,790.00, Federal IDEA \$45,127.73 and G5 Grant of \$28,672.43. The Budget Resolution was signed by Mr. Julius Walker, Chair.

Mr. Mac Hodges made a motion to approve the fiscal budget as presented with a second by Mr. Kenneth Harrell. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### 3.3 NERSBA 2017-2018 Budget Proposal: Mrs. Debra Baggett, NERSBA Finance Officer

Revenues haven't been collected as of date. We are waiting on the day 20 numbers. Each district pays by number of students currently showing for NERSBA: Beaufort County 70, Martin County 45, Pitt County 57, Tyrrell County 5, and Washington County 55 with a total enrollment at NERSBA of 232 scholars with projected revenues of \$328,790.00.

The expenditures year to date are showing:

State: \$250,250.36 remaining balance: \$1,665,377.94

Federal Funds: \$3,749.20 remaining balance: \$41,378.53

Local Funds: \$26,781.71 remaining balance: \$302,008.29

G5 Grant: \$9,605.64 remaining balance: \$19,066.79

Mr. Benjie Forrest made a motion to accept as presented followed by a second by Mr. Joe Landino. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3.4 National FFA Convention: Mr. Hal Davis

Blake Paul, Senior will be attending this year along with Ag teacher Ms. Julia Chandler to Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Davis asks the board for approval. Mr. Benjie Forrest made a motion followed by a second by Mr. Paul Spruill. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **4. DISCUSSION (NO ACTION)**

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#### 4.1 NERSBA Foundation Update: Mr. Joe Landino

The Educational Foundation that was created years ago and was attempted to be put back in force by filing tax returns and ended up contacting Mr. Jamie Normant with Ward and Smith which was referred to Mrs. Debra Andrews to help with finding out the Article of Incorporation. During this process it was found that we had not been terminated from the tax free status. Mrs. Andrews pointed out many things we should have been doing/would have to do in the future if we continue with the Educational Foundation see below:

- ~BOD would have to have notice of meetings
- ~Proper records of minutes
- ~Elect officers
- ~Register agent
- ~Bank account
- ~Accountant
- ~Auditing

All of this cost money. If we of forward these would have to be taken care of since we are a since we are a public school. Do we need this Educational Foundation? If we decide to vote not today but consider for action at next board meeting.

Mr. Joe Landino will find out exactly what steps are required to take with lawyer and director before the next board meeting.

4.2 NERSBA Instructional Program Update: Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley

Mr. Hal Davis reported that we are 2 weeks from ending the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and report cards will be going out. We are making plans for the spring semester and the 2018/2019 year.

Dr. Melanie Stanley thanked Dr. Boham and his faculty and staff. Scholars have had a smooth transition at MCC being our number 1 partner. We now have 3 MCC faculty who are offering student support on the NERSBA campus. It has been a new challenge and learning experience but beneficial. Mrs. Christie Rogerson currently is teaching 2 sections of Math 171, Mrs. Kristie Hardison teaching 2 sections of English 111 and Dr. McCann teaching Chemistry on Monday and Wednesday onsite with instructional support by Ms. McPherson.

4.3 2016-2017 NERSBA Scholar Performance Data: Julie Gurganus

Mrs. Julie Gurganus provided a packet to all board members and reported that NERSBA received a B with a School Performance grade of a 76 in which we maintained a B compared to last year. We still see areas that staff will work to improve on to move forward. EVASS growth status we did not meet at a -2.48. EVASS growth score of 67.6% and the Overall Achievement score of 78.

The Achievement Indicator show: (See packet for more details)

Math 1...68

English 11...79

Biology...68

ACT Score...69

Act Workkeys...93

Passing NC Math 3...>95

4-year Cohort & Grad Score...77

The data has been shared with the teachers in the past. We are going to actually meet with the teachers and show were we've come from over the past few years and work with that data to improve upon. Mr. Benjie Forrest, "What do you think kept us from meeting our growth?" Gurganus replies, Well we did go backwards in some areas and we had several things examples different students, different situations, some teacher were out for a long period of time for things they could not control so we had a sub in there things like that do affect student performance ultimately.

4.4 NERSBA Parental Advisory Committee Membership: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Hal Davis provided an updated copy of the Parental Advisory Committee members

4.5 NERSBA FFA Alumni Chapter: Dr. Melanie Stanley

The FFA Alumni Chapter has been very active, establishing their by-laws, policies, and procedures. Mr. Jim Rosene is the President of Chapter. The chapter has set the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month as their chapter meetings. One of the first projects approved by the Mr. Davis and the chart is establishing a school supply closet for students and staff from donations. All materials will be donated by the alumni members. The Alumni has designated September 30<sup>th</sup> as a clean-up day for the NERSBA Campus.

4.6 Jamesville Food Pantry: Mr. Hal Davis

Community Volunteers held their first food pantry; area churches use the auditorium as a distribution place. Next pantry date is set of October 2 usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month.

**5. REIMINDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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5.1 September 21<sup>st</sup> University of Mount Olive Ag Fest about 35 students attending

5.2 September 28<sup>th</sup>: NCSU CALS Presentation at 10:00 AM

5.3 October NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Date: October 18, 2017

Mrs. Stalls is currently working with Florida Department of Public Instruction to support a public school that has suffered loss of school items during the hurricane. We are planning on gathering items to donate.

**6. CLOSED SESSION**

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Mr. Paul Spruill motioned to go into closed session under statues listed below followed by a second by Mr. Benjie Forrest at 5:52 pm.

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

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

(NC G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1)/Student Records

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

**7. ADJOURN**

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7.1 Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Jerry Phelps motioned to accept contract and personnel recommendations followed by a second by Mr. Simon Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mac Hodges motioned to adjourn meeting followed by a second by Mr. Joe Landino at 6:25 pm. The motion passed unanimously.