



NORTHEAST REGIONAL SCHOOL of Biotechnology and Agriscience

NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda NERSBA Performing Arts Center Wednesday February 21, 2018 3:30 pm

1. OPEN SESSION

- 1.1 Call to order: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
- 1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Spruill
Present: Julius Walker, Benjie Forrest, Dwight Respass, Kenneth Harrell, Ephraigm Smith, Christie Bell, Simon Griffin, Kenneth Boham
Absent: Mac Hodges, Jerry Phelps, Don Phipps, Sandy Maddox
Tardy: Jean Woolard, Paul Spruill
- 1.3 Invocation & United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Benjie Forrest led the board in Prayer and the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

2. AGENDA

- 2.1 Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair
Mr. Kenneth Harrell made the motion to approve the agenda as presented and was followed by a second by Mr. Simon Griffin.
The motion passed unanimously.
- 2.2 Public Comments
There were two individuals who had signed up for public comment. Mr. Julius Walker requested that the speakers identify themselves and indicate from which county they reside. He also directed them that they each had three minutes to speak. Mr. James Rosene was the first speaker. He indicated that he was a father of two daughters who attend NERSBA. He resides in Beaufort County, NC. He was there on behalf of parents to speak with regards to item 4.1 on the NERSBA agenda (New Scholar Enrollment). He posed the following questions to the BOD:
 - Were you aware that the Beaufort County Board of Education voted to stop freshmen from attending this school and a possibility to make parents sign a waiver for current NERSBA students to attend NERSBA?
 - Was the board aware of the vote?

- Why wasn't the board there to support our school and show your support for our students and parents and the future students?

Mr. Julius Walker stated, we are going to listen and the board members will not respond at this time.

The next speaker, Mrs. Julie Rosene indicated that she was told by the chairman of the board that she could not discuss her issue during public comment and had to wait until later to discuss her issue at a later meeting.

Mr. Julius Walker thanked both individuals for the information and would take this in consideration and discuss later.

- 2.3 NERSBA FFA Chapter Presentation: The FFA officers presented to the BOD their events that have occurred thus far this school year and what is upcoming. Each member provided a brief overview of each aspect, including upcoming CDE events.

Mr. Dwight Respass added that the NERSBA FFA Chapter had the opportunity to attend the Beaufort County Farm Bureau meeting this month. He indicated that there were 6 total high schools who presented and that our officers were very well prepared and well spoken.

3.0 DISCUSSION (Action)

- 3.1 Approval of January Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Julius Walker, Chair

Mr. Kenneth Harrell made the motion to approve the minutes as posted on the NERSBA website and was followed by a second by Mr. Benjie Forrest. The motion was passed unanimously.

- 3.2 NERSBA 2017-18 Fiscal Budget Update: Mrs. Debra Baggett, NERSBA Finance Officer.

Mr. Hal Davis stated that Mrs. Baggett was not able to attend the meeting and thus, he will provide the updated information regarding the budget and finances. He provided each BOD member with a copy of the financial report for review. Please see the document for further information regarding the budget for NERSBA.

NERSBAS Financial Report details are as follows:

Year to Date Revenues:

Student enrollments by LEA for monies received from the 5 LEA's for quarter 3 are showing \$40,693.68. Three LEA's have not submitted their allotment for this quarter. The projection total is \$328,790.00

Year to Date Expenditures:

Budgeted: \$1,398,590.51
Expenditures: \$791,786.58
Amount Remaining: \$606,786.58

Purchased Services:

Budgeted: \$157,000.00
Expenditures: \$83,825.47
Amount Remaining: \$73,174.53

Supplies & Equipment:

Budgeted: \$230,895.49
Expenditures: \$94,583.58
Amount Remaining: \$136,311.91

Operational Expenses:

Mr. Hal Davis indicated that the liability insurance has been increased, but further clarification will be provided upon Mrs. Baggett's return.

Local Funds:

Budget: \$45,127.73
Expenditures: \$19,973.70
Amount Remaining: \$25,154.03
These funds that are not spent down at the end of school year can transfer to the next year.

G5 Grant Funds:

Budget: \$28,672.43
Expenditures: \$15,750.58
Amount Remaining: \$12,921.85

Mr. Julius Walker, Chair requested for a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. Mr. Kenneth Harrell made the motion and it was followed by a second by Mr. Simon Griffin. The motion was passed unanimously.

4.0 DISCUSSION (NO ACTION)

4.1 NERSBA Instructional Programs, Mr. Hal Davis, Dr. Melanie Stanley

Mr. Hal Davis recognized Dr. Kenneth Boham as a “tremendous” leader during his short interim as President of Martin Community College. Mr. Davis recognized the importance of the new Vet Tech program that Dr. Boham helped facilitate and bring to northeast North Carolina. Mr. Davis indicated that this program will be a great fit for NERSBA.

Dr. Melanie Stanley reported that the ACT Workkeys assessment, which is required by NCDPI, was administered to seniors who had completed a sequence of courses in CTE program of study. Next week, we will be administering the required ACT assessment to 11th graders.

Also, Dr. Stanley reported that at this time 80% of our students are enrolled in college courses at Martin Community College, Beaufort Community College, Pitt Community College, North Carolina State University, and the University of Mount Olive.

4.2 NERSBA HVAC Duct Cleaning Project Review, Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Hal Davis reported all of the heating air ducts in the building have been reviewed and cleaned. It’s made a remarkable improvement to the quality of air inside the building.

4.3 2018-19 Academic Calendar Update

Mr. Davis indicated that at the March board meeting, a finalized version of the 2018-2019 calendar will be shared for board approval. At this point, we have had input from students, teachers, and parents.

4.4 NERSBA New Scholar Enrollment

Beaufort County Schools has expressed to our board some concerns of the number of students coming out of Beaufort County. Mr. Walker, Mrs. Woolard, and Mr. Paul Spruill met with some of the Beaufort County board of education members to further discuss this issue on February 2, 2018. The outcome of this meeting was for Mr. Davis to make a formal presentation at the February 6, 2018 Beaufort County board meeting.

Mr. Davis noted that Beaufort County Schools from day one has always been extremely, extremely, extremely, supportive of this program and what we are and what we are all

about. During that presentation that Mr. Hal Davis made we talked about the 12 kids of NERSBA from Beaufort County who had never been in a public school atmosphere whether it had been a homeschool, charter school, private school, etc. and those numbers come back to haunt Beaufort County Schools as well as any other LEA pulling kids from are in the same boat. We also talked about if those students would have to return back to Beaufort County Schools they would be additional teaching positions that Beaufort County Schools would have to go back and allocate. Mr. Davis offered to set a "self-imposed" student cap of 15. This suggestion did not gain any grounds for support with the Beaufort County Board of Education members. On February 13, 2018, the Beaufort County board voted to allow the students currently enrolled at NERSBA to be able to continue to attend NERSBA. However, for the 2018-2019 school year, Beaufort County schools will not support allowing new students to attend NERSBA. At this point, our school lawyer has been involved and we are investigating our options to address this situation.

Mr. Walker stated that one of the concerns Beaufort County Schools is that due to the budget crisis, they are looking at possibly having to close a school and also that Beaufort County Schools provides the same offerings as NERSBA.

Mr. Ephraigm Smith asked for clarification of the real reason why this issue has come up now. Mr. Davis replied that this has to do mainly with budget and not necessarily a curriculum issue or level of rigor offered at NERSBA.

Mr. Davis indicated that the NERSBA faculty and staff value the parents and students who are here and all partnering agencies from each county from that standpoint.

Mr. Ephraigm Smith stated that he had been on school boards for almost 12 years in Pitt County Schools. He indicated that Pitt County has several charter and private schools that "compete" with the public schools. The members of that board support the variety of offerings in Pitt County. He was confused as to why Beaufort County schools would make this an issue since they indicated that they liked NERSBA and what it had to offer to the Beaufort County schools.

Mr. Benjie Forrest wanted to know how much money is being sent to NERSBA out of the Beaufort County schools budget and how does the board think they are going to redeem that amount by having these students return to Beaufort County. Mr. Davis replied that it was \$500,000 and that to his knowledge that had not been discussed any further than recouping the money by not allowing students to attend NERSBA.

5. Announcements

- 5.1 Spring ACT Assessments: Tuesday February 27, 2018
- 5.2 NC Technology Conference: March 1st-2nd
- 5.3 State FFA Agricultural Sales Event: March 7th
- 5.4 Freshmen Scholars @ UMO: March 8th
- 5.5 NC FFA Mega Conference: March 10th-March 11th
- 5.6 Coastal Resources Environmental Studies Trip: March 20th
- 5.7 NERSBA Facilities Proposal/Jimmy Hite: March 21st

6.0 NERSBA CLOSED SESSION

6.1 Mr. Dwight Repess made the motion to go into closed session according to the statues listed below. This motion was followed by a second by Mrs. Karen Clough. The motion passed unanimously at 4:15 pm.

- NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)/Privileged Information
- NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)/Real Property
- NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(8)/School Safety

7.0 OPEN SESSION

7.1 Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Julius Walker, asked for a motion to acquire the property formally held by the United States Navy to be uses as an Outlying Landing Field in Washington County, North Carolina. This property has been declared as surplus property by the United States Navy and has been turned over to the United States Government Accounting Office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Dwight Repess moved to authorize Mr. Hal Davis to move forward with negotiations with the US Department of Education and the United States Government Accounting Office to acquire Parcels #10 and #25 as presented to the board subject to any preexisting restrictions and restrictive convents. In addition the board approved for Mr. Davis to allocate funds and resources to construct student seating and demonstration boards on the property to support NERSBA's overall vision and mission. The board also approved for Mr. Davis to secure portable bathroom facilities on the property. The board also

authorized Mr. Davis to take the steps necessary to construct adequate an adequate roadway to support transportation to the respective facilities once the property was formally presented to NERSBA by the United States Government Accounting Office.

This motion was followed by a second from Mrs. Karen Clough. The motion passed unanimously by the NERSBA board of directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Mrs. Inga Spruill

Dr. Melanie Stanley