



**NERSBA Board of Directors
NERSBA Technology Center
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
4:30 PM**

1. Open Session -4:30 PM

1.1 Call to Order/Welcome: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Stotesberry

Present: Benjie Forrest, Brian Busch, Julius Walker, Kenneth Harrell, Ephraigm Smith, Jason Davis, Joyce Moore, Kendall Paramore, Jerry Phelps, Vanessa Cherry

Absent: Simon Griffin, Karen Clough, Melva Lilley, Trey Goodson

1.3 Invocation and United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Julius Walker

1.4 Approval of July 19, 2023 NERSBA Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

Mr. Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the agenda as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion. The motion to approve the agenda received a majority vote by the NERSBA Board membership.

1.5 Public Comments: None

1.6 Jamesville Community Restoration Project Workgroup Report: Mrs. Brenda Perry

Mrs. Brenda Perry informed the board that volunteers from Maryland completed eleven home repairs within the Jamesville community that were in dire need at no cost to the homeowner during the week of July 10th. These repairs were paid in full by donations.

Mrs. Perry thanked all who was involved and provided a place for lodging and meals. Mrs. Perry also thanked our board and Mr. Hal Davis for the use of the NERSBA Early College facility. She noted that plans are underway to return to Jamesville with their crew next year with many needs.

2. Introduction of New NERSBA Early College Faculty: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis introduced Mrs. Julie Kolikas who is employed as our schools' Guidance Counselor and Mrs. Maria Dickinson who has recently assumed her role as our AgriScience Education Teacher/FFA Advisor.

3. NERSBA Scholastic Report: Mr. William Askew

- Mr. David Jenkins and Mrs. Julie Kolikas have completed the registration process for the 2023-2024 scholastic calendar. Student academic schedules are being loaded into PowerSchool at the present time.

- Mr. Askew reported that AJ Gamboa was the state winner for the Wildlife Production and Management Proficiency Award and placed 3rd with the Diversified Horticulture Proficiency Award as announced during the State FFA Convention in Raleigh last month.
- The NERSBA Early College welcomed our faculty and staff back to campus on Monday, July 17th to start the 2023-2024 scholastic calendar
- NERSBA will host two Orientation/Open House sessions next Thursday, August 27th at 2:30 and 6:30 PM as we welcome our students and families back to our campus. Mr. Askew invited our board membership to attend one of these sessions.
- Work continues on our greenhouse and agricultural engineering laboratories. New electrical panels have been installed and we are waiting on Dominion Energy to connect our new service.
- We have completed several projects over the summer to enhance our campus:
 - ✚ Radiators have been removed on old back hall
 - ✚ Five instructional areas have been painted
 - ✚ Ceilings have been repaired in storage closets
 - ✚ New furniture has been purchased for the administrative office conference room
 - ✚ The student records room that houses cumulative folders for individual scholars as been renovated to accommodate a growing number of records

4. NERSBA Financial Report: Mr. Hal Davis

4.1 2022-2023 NERSBA Fiscal Report

Mr. Davis informed the board that we may looking for forward twenty to thirty thousand dollars from local funds to fund balance from the recently completed scholastic calendar. Mr. Davis also informed the board that the General Assembly educational budget has yet to be approved. Once the General Assembly approves the 2023-2024 fiscal budget, our finance committee will reconvene and make financial adjustments as we move forward with the academic calendar.

5. NERSBA Informational Items: Mr. Hal Davis

5.1 NERSBA Early College Summer Improvement Projects (Update): Mr. William Askew

This information was reported on line item #3 in the NERSBA Scholastic Report

5.2 NERSBA Legislative Update: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Hal Davis provided a brief update regarding the General Assembly Budget Approval Process. Mr. Davis along with Mr. Kendall Paramore informed the board that a legislative budget may not be intact until sometime after Labor Day. Mr. Davis informed the board that NERSBA is working under the continuing budget resolution approved by the board during their June 2023 meeting

5.3 University of Mount Olive Representative: Mr. Hal Davis

Dr. Jason Davis has been appointed as our new board member replacing Mrs. Michele Spence. Dr. Davis will be installed as the University of Mount Olive Representative during our August board meeting.

6. NERSBA Action Items: Mr. Hal Davis

6.1 Approval of June 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to accept the June 21st meeting minutes as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Kenneth Harrell second the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

6.2 NERSBA Technology Acquisition Request: Mr. Hal Davis

With respect to providing adequate laptop computers to our NERSBA scholars, Mr. Davis recommended to the board to use \$27,327.00 out of the local budget for the 2023-2024 school year to make this purchase as opposed to a lease-purchase option and having to make interest payments during a lease agreement.

Mr. Davis noted that he had met with Mrs. Baggett regarding this proposal and believed this would be a better option we had the money to purchase the twenty (20) new computers for \$27,327.00 in full.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Jerry Phelps moved to proceed with the purchase as outlined by Mr. Davis. Mr. Kendall Paramore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

7. Announcements: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis made the following announcements at the conclusion of the meeting:

- 7.1 Faculty Report for 23-24 Scholastic Calendar: Monday, July 17th
- 7.2 Scholar/Parent/Faculty Orientation Sessions: Thursday, July 27th 2:30/6:30 PM
- 7.3 Classes Begin For The 2023-2024 NERSBA Early College Scholastic Calendar: August 3, 2023
- 7.4 Class of 2024 Commencement Attire/Class of 2025 Class Ring Orders: Friday, August 11, 2023

8. Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Joyce Moore moved to adjourn meeting. Mrs. Vanessa Cherry seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

