



NERSBA Early College Board of Directors Meeting
Technology Center
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
4:30 PM

1. Open Session

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

1.2 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Stotesberry

Present: Benjie Forrest, Brain Busch, Julius Walker, Ethan Lenker, Kenneth Harrell, Simon Griffin, Joyce Moore, Trey Goodson, Kendall Paramore, Jason Davis

Absent: Ephraigm Smith, Jerry Phelps, Karen Clough, Melva Lilley, Vanessa Cherry

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

1.4 Approval of September 20, 2023 NERSBA Meeting Agenda: Benjie Forrest, Chair

Mr. Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the agenda as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Kendall Paramore seconded the motion. The motion to approve the agenda received a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

1.5 Public Comments: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

None

2. Scholastic Report: Mr. David Jenkins

Mr. David Jenkins provided an informational document outlining testing data and scholastic proficiency at NERSBA during the last four years. Data including a comparison of North Carolina Grade Level Proficiency (NCGLP) College and Career Promise (CCR) Data, High School Graduation Rate, School Grade and Growth was also noted during his presentation. As a point of reference, the NERSBA Early College received a B and met Expected Growth during the 2022-2023 school year.

3. Financial Report: Mr. Hal Davis

3.1 2023-2024 NERSBA Early College Fiscal Report: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis informed the board that the North Carolina General Assembly is close to finalizing a state budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal calendar. The proposed plan would include pay increases for teachers, retirees and resources to support social and emotional learning for schools.

Once the budget has been finalized and forwarded to individual local educational agencies, the NERSBA Finance Committee will meet to finalize our operational budget for 2023-2024 academic year.

4. Information Items: Mr. Hal Davis

4.1 Legislative Update: Mr. Hal Davis/Mr. Benjie Forrest

As noted earlier, Mr. Davis reported that NERSBA is still waiting on a budget and further information regarding the requirement that teachers post lesson plans online as required in the Parent Bill of Rights. Clarification regarding the Parental Bill of Rights will be provided in the near future. This document will become effective January 1, 2024.

Mr. Benjie Forrest suggested to Mr. Davis that he review the Pitt County Schools website to how they have the Parent Bill of Rights information posted and how they plan to post teacher lesson plans.

4.2 American FFA Degrees Candidates/National FFA Convention Planning:

Mr. Davis informed that board that three former NERSBA scholars will be receiving the American FFA Degree during the National FFA Convention scheduled in early November.

These students are: Logan Wallace, Gabe Wynn and Katie Harris.

Mr. Davis also informed that board that twelve scholars from NERSBA will be attending the National FFA Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana with faculty members Mrs. Maria Dickerson and Mrs. Kristie Hardison.

4.3 Classified Employee Salary Schedule: Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis has reached out to Dr. Larry Price to review classified employee salaries from several local educational agencies. Mr. Davis noted that he plans to provide an additional update regarding a proposed salary schedule for classified employees at the October board meeting.

4.4 FFA Alumni Reverse Raffle/Auction: Mr. Davis

This fundraising event is scheduled will be held October 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the NERSBA Personal Development and Wellness Center. Participants do not have to be present to receive the \$3,000 grand prize.

The cost of \$50.00 per ticket this will include a meal along with entry into the reverse Raffle.

4.5 COVID Protocols:

After a brief presentation by Mr. Davis regarding the emergence of COVID among specific regions and an increase in the virus infections, Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to authorize Mr. David Jenkins and Mr. Hal Davis to make scholastic operational decisions regarding school closures due to possible COVID cases to go virtual as deemed appropriate. Mrs. Joyce Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5. Action Items: Mr. Hal Davis

5.1 Approval of July 19th and August 16th 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Forrest, Chair
Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve July/August minutes as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Trey Goodson seconded the motion the motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.2 Personnel Information: Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis requested the line item be moved to closed session. With a unanimous decision by the board of directors, it's moved to closed session.

6. Announcements: Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis informed the board membership of the following calendar dates:

6.1 Virtual Instructional Day: September 29, 2023

6.2 Conclude First NERSBA Grading Period: October 4th @ 2:45 PM

6.3 Preparing for College Workshop: October 9th @ 6:00 PM
(FAFSA Week: October 16th-20th)

6.4 East Carolina University Tour: October 12, 2023 (All Day Event)

6.5 NERSBA Early College holding a College Fair October 19th @ 1:30-2:45 PM with 40 representatives from Community College and Universities.

6.6 NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting: October 18th @ 4:30 PM

6.7 FFA Jacket Ceremony: October 19th @ 7:00 PM

**7. Closed Session: NCGS 115C-238.62(D) Regional Schools
NCGS 143-318.11(6) Personnel**

Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to go into closed session per the statues noted on the board agenda. Mr. Kenneth Harrell seconded the motion which received a majority vote by the board membership.

At the completion of the closed session, the board moved back into open session. There was no action regarding the information as presented by Mr. Davis during the closed session.

8. Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Benjie Forrest

Mrs. Joyce Moore moved to adjourn the meeting which received a second by Mr. Trey Goodson. With a majority vote by the board membership, the meeting was then adjourned by Mr. Forrest at 5:45 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Mrs. Inga Stotesberry, Administrative Assistant

Date