



NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Technology Center

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

4:30 PM

1.0 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, Kenneth Harrell, Simon Griffin, Ephraigm Smith, Joyce Moore, Jason Davis

Absent: Ethan Lenker, Trey Goodson, Kendall Paramore, Lee Scripture

Tardy: Jerry Phelps, Melva Lilley, and Vanessa Cherry

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

1.4 Approval of March 20, 2024 NERSBA Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

Mr. Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the March board meeting agenda as presented by Mr. Davis. Mrs. Joyce Moore seconded the motion. The motion to approve the board meeting agenda was approved with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

1.5 Public Comments: None

2.0 NERSBA Scholastic Report: Mr. David Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins provided a number of informational updates regarding the current status of the 2024 spring semester. He noted scholastic field trips, testing schedules and the Regional Envirothon to be held at the Cool Springs Park in Craven County.

Mr. Jenkins also provided information to the board regarding the implementation of the Infinite Campus Software Suite Platform that will be replacing PowerSchool. Mr. Jenkins noted that Mrs. Deidra Mason (the NERSBA Data Coordinator) will be facilitating this transition for our NERSBA Early College.

3.0 NERSBA Financial Report: Mr. Hal Davis

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

Mr. Hardy and Mr. Davis have met on a regular basis to review state line items outlined in our budget. Mr. Davis, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Forrest met with Mr. Hardy recently to acknowledge state and local budget expenditures and current balance line items in preparation for end-of-year closeouts. The State Budget Allotments for the 2024-2025 school year have not been received to date from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

3.2 NERSBA Finance Committee Review: Mr. Benjie Forrest

Mr. Simon Griffin commented on how pleased he was with Mr. Hardy's review of the fiscal operations at NERSBA and his leadership. Mr. Forrest agreed with the comments on the part of Mr. Griffin.

4.0 NERSBA Informational Items: Mr. Hal Davis

4.1 General Information Items:

Mr. Davis noted the following information points of interest for our board membership

- NERSBA has reached the halfway point of the 2024 Spring Semester
- Mr. Davis would like for our board members to tour our Ag Engineering Laboratory improvements at the next board meeting. Mr. Michael Ball is the MCC welding instructor
- The NERSBA Early College Class of 2024 Cap and Gown photographs will be completed on Friday, March 22nd

4.2 The NERSBA June Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 @ 4:30 PM

4.3 2024-2025 Student Enrollment Data by Public School Unit

Mr. Davis presented to the board information regarding student enrollment by respective public school units for the 2024-2025 scholastic calendar outlining a projected enrollment of 138 students,

4.4 Legislative Grant Project Requests for Approval

Mr. Davis presented capital outlay requests for NC Legislative Grant Funding as outlined:

- Lighting & Ceiling Project: \$72,000.00
- Fencing Project: \$42,000.00
- Door Replacements Project: \$65,000.00

This information was presented for review purposes and will be discussed during the April board Meeting.

5.0 NERSBA Action Items: Mr. Hal Davis

5.1 Approval of February 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Kenneth Harrell moved to approve the February board meeting minutes as presented by Mr. Hal Davis. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a majority vote by the board membership.

5.2 2024-2025 Scholastic Calendar Proposal: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis presented to the board an updated copy of the NERSBA 2024-2025 Scholastic Calendar Proposal. After a brief discussion of the 2024-2025 calendar outline, Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve the calendar proposal as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Ephraim Smith seconded the motion.

The 2024-2025 NERSBA Scholastic Calendar was approved with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

5.3 2024-2025 Student Handbook Revisions: Mr. David Jenkins

Mr. David Jenkins reported on the promotion requirement update for new credit requirements (located on page 7 of the current NERSBA Student Handbook). Mr. Jenkins requested that promotion requirements at NERSBA be revised to increase rigor among our scholars (the new requirements are outlined below).

Mrs. Vanessa Cherry moved to approve the revisions, as presented by Mr. David Jenkins. Mr. Jerry Phelps seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

New Promotion Standards Effective March 20, 2024

Grade 9 to 10 -- Will change from five credit requirements to the proposed six-credits including English I and a social studies course

Grade 10 to 11 – Will change from ten credit requirements to 13 credits including English I and II, two credits of social studies, Math 1 and II, and one science credit

Grade 11 to 12 – 20 credits to include English I & II, Earth & Environmental Science, Biology, Math I, II, and III, in addition to two social studies credits

6.0 Closed Session: NCGS143.318.11(6)/Personnel

Mr. Jenkins and Mrs. Stotesberry were asked to step out during this time.

Mr. Julius Walker moved to go into closed session per the statute listed. Mrs. Melva Lilley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership at 5:13 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

Mr. Jerry Phelps moved to approve the personnel recommendation by Mr. Davis to offer Mrs. Jennifer Marrow extended employment during the first-two weeks of June and a twelve-month employment contract beginning July 1st of 2024. Dr. Brian Busch seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote by the NERSBA board membership.

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis presented the following calendar updates to our board membership:

- 7.1 March 21st UMO AgFest @ University of Mount Olive
- 7.2 March 28th Regional Math Competition @ Elizabeth City State University
- 7.3 March 29th-April 5th
Good Friday Holiday and Easter Spring Break
- 7.4 April 13th State FFA Equine Judging Leadership Development Event @ St. Andrews University
- 7.5 April 17th NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting @ 4:30 PM
- 7.6 April 19th Northeast Regional FFA Rally @ College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC
NERSBA Prom Event @ Ivy Hall, Pictolus, NC @ 8:00 PM

8.0 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Vanessa Cherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 pm. Dr. Brian Busch seconded the motion. A unanimous vote by the NERSBA board membership approved the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Inga Stotesberry, Administrative Assistant **Date**