

**MINUTES**  
**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**MARCH 25, 2020**

The Davie County Board of Education met at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in the large conference room of Central Office at 220 Cherry Street, Mocksville, NC. The Board of Education members used Google Hangouts Meet to remotely join the meeting due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Board Members Present:

Clint Junker, Chairman  
Wendy Horne, Vice-Chair  
Paul Drechsler  
Dub Potts  
Terry Hales  
Lori Smith  
David Carroll

Staff Present:

Jill Wilson, Attorney  
Jeff Wallace, Superintendent  
Jinda Haynes, Assistant Superintendent  
Jennifer Lynde, Chief Academic Officer  
Clay Harris, Chief Financial Officer  
Deanna Blackwelder, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Chairman Junker called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. There were some difficulties with joining the meeting online.

David Carroll made the motion, seconded by Lori Smith, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wallace presented a Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent for the board to approve. This resolution would grant emergency powers to the superintendent to address the expanding novel Coronavirus crisis. It would allow Mr. Wallace to be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving virus predicament. Lori Smith made the motion, seconded by David Carroll, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wallace also presented the Proclamation of State of Emergency for Davie County for the board to approve to be in support of. John Eller, Davie County Manager, has had this approved by Davie County Commissioners but would like for Davie County Schools to support it as well. This proclamation would open up access to additional funding for the county and potentially Davie County Schools. Dub Potts made the motion, seconded by Terry Hales, to approve the proclamation as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

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Mr. Wallace started giving updates regarding the changes that have and are happening within the school system. Per Governor Cooper's Executive Order, school systems were in charge of three primary articles while out of the classroom: School Nutrition, Childcare, and Remote Learning; in that order.

Davie County School's staff have been working tremendously hard to meet the needs of our students. The School Nutrition department started feeding children in Davie County on March 17, 2020. Children have 6 school sites to access food on weekdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. On March 24, 2020 there were almost 3,000 meals given on that day by the School Nutrition department. Emergency childcare for the children of emergency/essential employees in the county is now available as of March 19, 2020. The Technology and Curriculum departments have sent out a technology survey so Davie County Schools can find out who has devices and/or internet in their home. On March 27 and 28, Chromebooks will be given out to those in need of a device at Davie County High School. The Transportation department has moved all buses and driver's education vehicles to the bus garage for service, cleaning, and safety during this time.

Mr. Wallace ended by thanking everyone who has had a hand in this process as it is ever-changing.

Lori Smith made the motion, seconded by Wendy Horne, to adjourn. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

*Clinton L Junker*

Clint Junker, Chairman

*Jeff Wallace*

Jeff Wallace, Secretary

CJ:JDW:dsb

Approved: 4/14/2020

## **Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent**

**Whereas** on March 14, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency and the closure of all North Carolina public schools for instructional purposes through March 30, 2020, as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19; and

**Whereas** under G.S. § 115C-36, the local Board of Education has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools; and

**Whereas** under G.S. § 115C-47(15) the local Board of Education has the authority to prescribe the duties of the Superintendent, subject to G.S. § 115C-276(a); and

**Whereas** the Board of Education finds that the current state of emergency requires that the Superintendent be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis; and

**Whereas** under Board Policy 2450, the operation of any section or sections of Board policies not established by law or contract may be suspended temporarily by a majority vote of Board members present at a Board meeting held in compliance with law and Board policy;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Davie County Board of Education grants to the Superintendent the following temporary powers to address the COVID-19 emergency:

1. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or necessary for other effective response.
2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to the curriculum and the provision of alternative educational program options; adjustments to employee work schedules and assignments; modifications to the school calendar; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the Board of Education; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by the COVID-19 emergency.
3. Authority to enter into contracts without board approval for any dollar amount necessary for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, or other needs directly related to the COVID-19

emergency situation, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration identified in Governor's Order of March 14, 2020, and any subsequent extension of that order, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon a two-thirds majority vote.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this 25th day of March, 2020.

Clinton L Junker  
Chair, on behalf of

3/25/2020  
Date

the Davie County Board of Education