

**MINUTES  
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2021**

The Davie County Board of Education met for a specially called meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2021 in the auditorium at Davie County High School located at 180 War Eagle Drive, Mocksville NC.

Board Members Present:

Clint Junker, Chairman  
Wendy Horne, Vice-Chair  
Dub Potts  
Lori Smith  
David Carroll  
Cammie Webb

Board Members Absent:

Paul Drechsler

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 2:03 p.m.

Dub Potts made the motion, seconded by David Carroll, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Wallace began by presenting information on Senate Bill 220 that was signed by Governor Cooper on March 11, 2021 and will become effective April 1, 2021. As of today, March 17, 2021, Davie County Schools is currently in compliance with SB 220. SB 220 also requires students with an IEP or 504 Plan to have the option to attend school in Plan A at the discretion of the student's parent or guardian. DCS staff will begin to contact those parents of IEP and 504 students to determine which students want to return in Plan A.

Davie County Schools returned to in-person learning under Plan B on August 17, 2020. During that time, K-2 students were attending school 4 days a week in Plan A. On October 26, 2020, grades 3-5 began Plan A as well. DCS has had no clusters or outbreaks due to COVID-19 since August 17, 2020. The highest number of students thus far who had active COVID-19 cases at the same time was 27. The highest number of staff members thus far who had active COVID-19 cases at the same time was 20. Since January 2021, COVID-19 cases have declined in Davie County Schools.

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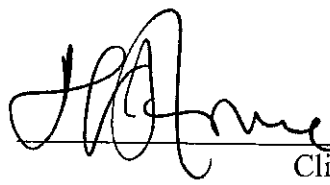
Mr. Wallace has been in contact with staff, parents, Suzanne Wright, district leaders, and the ABC Science Collaborative Team from Duke University to help with the decision of reopening schools since SB 220 was signed into law. The requirement for students and staff to be six feet apart will not be changed by NCDHHS. All quarantine and cleaning directives must still be followed. Currently, there are over 130 classrooms in grades 6-12 that have 26 or more students in the class. If all secondary students return in Plan A, it would be impossible to maintain 3 feet of distance between those students. Transportation schedules would also be seriously hindered requiring additional routes to maintain requirements and get all students to school. At the high school level, there could be as many as 1300 students arriving to school and needing symptom checks each day before entering the building which could potentially delay the start of school. If we allow middle and high school students back 4 days a week, teachers would most likely have some students that will not return to in-person learning and would request virtual learning. Those students cannot be added to existing virtual classes through DCS Virtual, therefore, the teacher would be responsible for their in-person and virtual students. In addition, after spring break which is April 5-9, 2021, there would only be 8 weeks remaining in the school year. State testing is required for grades 3-12 over the last 2 weeks of school. Therefore, significant changes would be made for an additional 12-14 days of school.

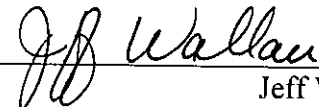
Davie County Schools knows the importance of getting all students back in the school buildings. The impact on student learning this year has not gone unnoticed. Summer school and transitional classes are being planned to address the learning loss that students have experienced over the past year. Davie County Schools plans to continue on the same schedule and will not bring back middle and high school students in Plan A; they will remain in Plan B.

Davie County Schools hopes this decision will decrease the chance of any outbreaks or clusters in the school buildings preventing any chance of having a proper graduation ceremony for our class of 2021 seniors. Davie County Schools' parents, students, and staff have done an exceptional job throughout this pandemic.

Board members were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions.

David Carroll made the motion, seconded by Lori Smith, to adjourn. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

  
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Clint Junker, Chairman  
Vice Chair

  
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Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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Approved: 4-13-2021