

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

The Davie County Board of Education met at 4:00 p.m., August 3, 2021, in the Board Room of the Central Davie Education Center, 220 Martin Luther King Jr. Road, Mocksville, NC.

Board Members Present:

Clint Junker, Chairman
Paul Drechsler
Dub Potts
Lori Smith
David Carroll
Cammie Webb

Board Members Absent:

Wendy Home, Vice-Chair

Staff Present:

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

Chairman Junker called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Chairman Junker offered the invocation then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Cammie Webb arrived at 4:03 p.m.

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

Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by David Carroll, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting, the minutes of the July 22, 2021 specially called board of education meeting, and the minutes of the July 29, 2021 specially called board of education meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Board Report

Chairman Junker reviewed upcoming events starting with the first day of school for Davie County Early College High School being August 5, 2021. Davie County Schools will hold their annual convocation on Friday, August 20 at 8:30 a.m. which will now be virtual. The first day of school for Davie County Schools will be Tuesday, August 24, 2021. The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The next Davie County Board of Commissioners' meeting will also be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wallace began his report with acknowledging Mike Absher and Doyle Nicholson, both retired from public education this summer.

Mr. Wallace stated he spoke with Melissa Lynch, principal of Davie County Early College High School who had open house for her students on August 3, 2021.

On July 20th and 21st, Davie County Schools held the Administrator Retreat in the Learning Commons at Davie County High School. Mr. Wallace thanked Jennifer Lynde and her team for organizing the speaker Dr. Philip B. Warrick who is a co-author of Leading a High Reliability School.

Mr. Wallace stated Davie County Schools will hold convocation virtually this year on August 20, 2021 starting at 8:30 a.m. Flow Honda will once again provide a new car for the teacher of the year to drive for 1 year and a local realtor will also provide a gift to all of the teacher of the years from each school.

Mr. Wallace brought up House Bill 91 that is still going through the legislature process. This bill would dissolve the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA). Mr. Wallace is part of an Endowment Advisory Committee to determine how the money from the endowment should be spent, etc.

Lastly, Mr. Wallace stated the battle against COVID-19 is continuing and we will remain united through this process as we monitor and stay in touch with Davie County Department of Health and Human Services.

Recognitions

Mr. Rob Raisbeck recognized Spencer Williams from Davie County High School Track and Field Team. Spencer was recognized for the following: CPC Champion in the discus and shot put, CPC Athlete of the Year for Field Events, 4-A Midwest Regional Champion in the discus and shot put, 4-A State Champion in the shot put- 2nd in the discus, ranked number 1 in the state among all athletes in the discus and shot put, placed 7th in the discus and 9th in the shot put at the Nike High School Nationals in Eugene, Oregon, and was the Gatorade Track and Field Athlete of the Year in North Carolina.

Consent Agenda

Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 6-0. Consent items approved: NCPK Contract Amendments, Invision Contract for 2021-2022, One Step at a Time Therapy Service Contract for 2021-2022, Public Consulting Group, LLC Contract for 2021-2022, Dr. Kathy Bailey Contract for 2021-2022, Donations Report, Carolina Customs Transport Contract for 2021-2022, and Personnel Recommendations and the Addendum.

Committee and Staff Reports

Mr. Clay Harris presented the preliminary revenue and expense report for the months of April-June 2021.

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Mrs. Erin Foil presented information to board about what accountability data will and will not be reported on for the 2020-2021 school year. On September 1, the following 2020-21 accountability data will be released for schools and districts in NC:

- Disaggregated reports of the percentage of students at each academic achievement level for the mathematics, science, and reading end-of-grade and end-of-course tests
- Disaggregated reports of the percentage of students who participated in the mathematics, science, and reading end-of-grade and end-of-course tests, as well as the ACT and WorkKeys tests
- Disaggregated reports of the percentage of students who did not participate in the end-of-grade and end-of-course tests
- Percentage of students identified as English learners who based on performance on the ACCESS English Language Proficiency Test met the exit criteria from such status
- Cohort Graduation Rate

The following 2020-21 accountability data will not be reported:

- School Performance Grades
- School Accountability Growth
- Results from ACT/WorkKeys
- Math Course Rigor

Mrs. Jennifer Lynde, Mr. John Marshall, Mrs. Emily Moore, Mr. Michael Pruitt, and Mrs. Cherri White presented a review of the Davie County Schools 2021 Summer Camp. The camp was held June 21-July 15, 2021 at 7 different school sites with 678-712 total students that attended.

Mr. Michael Spillman gave an architect selection update for the Virtual School Project. Davie County Schools received statement of qualifications from 3 architect firms. On August 2, 2021 the committee met and interviewed each firm. The committee will now go into negotiations with the selected firm and bring it to the board for approval.

Public Address to the Board

Attorney Jill Wilson explained the procedures for public comments. Three individuals signed up to speak before the board. Those persons were each allowed five minutes to speak.

1. Lynne McDaniel- Ms. McDaniel stated there was no sense for the disappointing decision to have masks optional; the board ignored medical advice. There are already hundreds of quarantines in charter schools that have already started school. Ms. McDaniel understands there is already quarantines among football teams in Davie County. She is upset that this decision was made so close to the start of school when private schools are already full and there is a cap on Davie County Virtual School acceptance so now she must send her children to school with others who may not wear a mask. She stated to the board some of you should be very, very ashamed of yourselves.

2. Jennifer Hirata-Mrs. Hirata and her husband, Dr. Hirata wants all staff and students safe while in school although they do not agree on making masks optional. The variant is spreading quickly and we can protect ourselves and others with the vaccine and by wearing masks. Children under 12 cannot choose to receive the vaccine yet so the safest option for all is to wear a mask. Mrs. Hirata would like to know what the quarantine plan is so students do not fall behind academically and they can stay in school.
3. Matt Johnson- Mr. Johnson thanked the board for making masks optional. Mr. Johnson has quarantine questions as well. He asked for science that supports masks work on children. Mr. Johnson asked the board members who seem to still have mask wearing as an option “where were you last week?” “why not sell us on mask wearing?” Mr. Johnson said there should have been public comment at the July 29th meeting. He said we cannot keep masking our children with each variant. He said news outlets are stating the White House may put the United States on a lockdown soon. He asked why the school is not communicating about children’s vitamin C, D, K, zinc numbers and healthy weights because a vast majority of the public have vitamin deficiencies and weight problems that affect reactions to COVID. Bus drivers should focus on driving children, not enforcing masks. Mr. Johnson said Iredell-Statesville Schools will grant religious exemptions if a mask mandate is put back in place which, to him, seems masks would still be optional.

Closed Session

Chairman Junker called for a motion to go into closed session to preserve the attorney client privilege pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss personnel matters protected by State law and N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(6): to discuss student matters made confidential by N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1), G.S. 115C-402 and FERPA. David Carroll made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler; the motion carried 6-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:18 p.m.

Return to Open Session

The board returned from closed session to open session at 6:01 p.m.

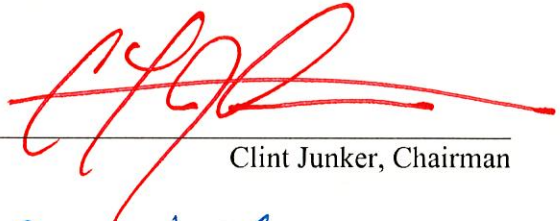
Mr. Paul Drechsler spoke before adjourning saying he was going to vote for required masks before the meeting on July 29, 2021. He is confident the staff will make necessary changes if needed. Cammie Webb would like criteria for a change in the masking protocol for Davie County Schools.

David Carroll made a motion to give the superintendent the power to change COVID school protocol based on best judgement and in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services. Paul Drechsler seconded the motion, the motion carried 6-0.

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Adjourn

Paul Drechsler made the motion to adjourn with a second from Cammie Webb; the motion was approved with a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Clint Junker, Chairman



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

CJ:JDW:dsb

Approved: 9/7/2021

FY2021-2022 Donations to Davie County Schools

	Donor	Date	Designation	Amount
Coolee Elementary				
				\$ -
Cornatzer Elementary	Mr. Dub Potts Mr. Dub Potts	07/03/21 07/03/21	Picnic Tables Help Students	\$ 2,257.20 \$ 498.35
				\$ 2,755.55
Mocksville Elementary				
				\$ -
Pinebrook Elementary				
				\$ -
Shady Grove Elementary				
				\$ -
William R. Davie Elementary				
				\$ -
North Davie Middle				
				\$ -
South Davie Middle				
				\$ -
William Ellis Middle				
				\$ -
Davie County Early College High School				
				\$ -
Central Davie Academy				
				\$ -

