

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., September 7, 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 Horne, Vice-Chair

Staff Present:

Jeff Wallace, Superintendent
Jinda Haynes, Assistant Superintendent
Jill Wilson, Board Attorney
Clay Harris, Chief Operations 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 5:15 p.m.

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

Chairman Junker called for a motion to go into closed session to preserve the attorney client privilege pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes listed on the agenda, to review matters protected by State Law, and to discuss student concerns made confidential by General Statutes and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Dub Potts made the motion, seconded by Lori Smith; the motion carried 6-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:16 p.m.

Chairman Junker reconvened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and offered the invocation. Chairman Junker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Carroll made the motion, seconded by Lori Smith, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Board Report

Chairman Junker reviewed upcoming events, reminding Board members of Board of Education Retreat on Friday, October 1st. Mr. Junker announced the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, October 5, 2021 with closed session starting at 4:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wallace began his report by having a moment of silence for the Mount Tabor High School student who was shot at school and later died from his injuries.

Mr. Wallace said the 9th day enrollment numbers were 5,990; our projected enrollment was 6,041.

As of September 7, 2021, there were 43 students and 10 staff members with active COVID cases. There were 198 students and 10 staff members who were being quarantined. Currently, there are 109 out of 115 school districts in North Carolina who are requiring masks.

Davie County Schools is designating \$200,000 from the ESSER funds to assist with a tutoring program that will be targeted for specific students. Mrs. Lynde and the curriculum team continues to develop a plan for this program.

There is a significant amount of vacancies within our district. Mr. Wallace said to expect a human resource update regarding vacancies in the school system at the next regular meeting scheduled for October 5, 2021.

Mr. Wallace thanked the board for their support in giving a \$450 bonus to all part-time and full-time staff who were employed as of August 10, 2021 to show appreciation to Davie County Schools staff.

Davie County Schools will continue to work with the medical community for the health and safety of all students and staff in the district to make future decisions.

Recognitions

Mr. Wallace presented Lori Dingler and all the school nurses with a plaque that the ABC Collaborative/Duke Clinical Research Institute sent to Davie County Schools for their support and participation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Jennifer Lynde presented a plaque to Anthony Davis who was selected as the 2021-2022 Piedmont Triad Regional Administrator of the Year.

Presentation

Mr. Luke Harris and staff from the Davie Family YMCA presented information on the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant worth \$1.2 million over the next three years. This grant will serve 200 students at Cooleemee and Cornatzer Elementary Schools as well as North Davie and South Davie Middle Schools for after school and summer programming.

Consent Agenda

David Carroll made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 6-0. Consent items approved: Update Policy 8341, Student Fees for the 2021-2022 School Year, and Personnel Recommendations.

Business Items

Mr. Wallace presented Policy 4231/5021/7263 in order to comply with Section 10 of N.C. Session Law 2021-130 that requires boards to adopt a policy regarding the use of face coverings for the 2021-2022 school year. Paul Drechsler made the motion to approve Policy 4231/5021/7263 as presented, seconded by Cammie Webb. The motion carried 6-0.

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Mr. Michael Spillman presented information on the process of choosing Fuller Architecture for the Virtual School Re-Model Project. A special called board meeting was held on June 7, 2021, where the Board of Education voted to move forward with sending out an RFQ for Architectural Services for this project. After that meeting, the RFQ was advertised in the Winston-Salem Journal, Davie County Enterprise, and posted on the Davie County Schools website. The RFQ was advertised for 3 weeks. Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce, 530 N Trade Street North West, Winston-Salem NC; Fuller Architecture, 68 Court Square Suite 200, Mocksville NC; and CBSA Architects, 227 Second Street NW, PO box 1239 Hickory, NC all submitted proposals. All three firms were approved for the interview process. A committee was established to conduct the interviews. The committee consisted of four staff members and two board members. On August 2, 2021, the committee interviewed all three firms. After much discussion and the negotiation process, staff recommends Fuller Architecture for the Virtual School Re-Model Project. Their services will consist of Program Development, Schematic Design, Design Development & Construction Documents, Bidding, and Construction Administration. Davie County Schools staff recommended contracting with Fuller Architecture for the total amount of \$258,990.00. Dub Potts made the motion to approve of Davie County Schools contracting with Fuller Architecture as presented, this was seconded by David Carroll. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Michael Spillman presented information on an HVAC Bi-Polar Ionization Project. One of the recommended allowable uses of ESSER funding was to find a way to provide cleaner air in classrooms to help combat COVID-19. Staff decided to install Bi-Polar Ionization on the remaining HVAC units in the classrooms. Staff requested product information and pricing for three different vendors: Phenomenal Air, Plasma Air, and Global Plasma Solutions.

After researching each product, Davie County Schools found that Global Plasma Solutions is the best product for the school system due to the Ion Density per CFM (cubic feet per minute), installation costs, and our experience with this product. Davie County Schools started to install the GPS systems on our outdoor supply air units at Davie County High, North Davie Middle, Pinebrook Elementary, and Cornatzer Elementary in 2016. Staff recommended purchasing 546 Global Plasma Solutions FC-48 for the estimated amount of \$256,482.00.

Davie County Schools sent an RFP for the installation of the GPS on August 24, 2021 to six installation contractors: Professional Air, Webb Heating and Air, Commercial Air Systems, Honeycutt Electric, Hoffman and Hoffman, and TK Electric. Davie County Schools recommended contracting with TK Electric for the amount of \$37,568.68. Paul Drechsler made the motion to approve the purchase of 546 Global Plasma Solutions FC-48 and contracting with TK Electric for the installation as presented, this was seconded by Cammie Webb. The motion carried 6-0.

Public Address to the Board

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

1. Nick Gibietis- Mr. Gibietis asked the board to look beyond the masks and vaccines and look at the broader picture. He expressed concern of what masks are doing to the children in school mentally and emotionally. He stated let the kids live normal lives.
2. Josh Richardson- Mr. Richardson is tired of the politics taking over everything. Mr. Richardson explained how his OSHA certified paint respirator mask works. He expressed concern over the efficacy of face coverings on students stating they are sickening and making the kids sick. He expressed concern over the school board making decisions for his children to wear a mask. He stated unmask the kids.
3. Ann Bean -Ms. Bean stated she spoke for most parents when she respectfully said “leave the healthcare choices for our children to the parents.” She expressed concern over children’s safety when it comes to masks, vaccines, and critical race theory. Ms. Bean expressed concern over the efficacy on masking healthy children as compared to masking sick patients/healthcare workers. Ms. Bean has lost faith in the whole board and thinks they have made school a hostile learning environment.
4. Charles Claybourn- Mr. Claybourn found it alarming that healthcare and political individuals are ignoring the other side of the coin. There are two sides to everything, he said. Mr. Claybourn compared decisions being based on one-sided science with Galileo when he was censored by the Church by believing in Copernicus: the sun, not the Earth, was at the center of the universe. Today, we know this was the truth and Galileo was correct, he said. Mr. Claybourn continued saying how can we say this is science when it is a one-sided science? Mr. Claybourn expressed concern with the board playing the political game with their children. He explained the requirements for a recall election. Lastly, he stated a quote from Ronald Reagan who said “A government’s first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.” Mr. Claybourn stated the board should really think about that.
5. Helen Claybourn -Passed
6. Joann Landry- Ms. Landry began reading from an affidavit starting with the job description of the district school board. Ms. Landry went over the numbers of what Davie County Schools has acquired vs spent in various PRC codes. She stated the board’s oath of office affirms their main purpose is to protect and maintain everyone’s individual rights by upholding the Constitution. Ms. Landry claimed the board is infringing on the freedom guaranteed to them as the People as well as practicing health discrimination, segregation, and depriving people of their rights under the color of the law. She expressed concern over the effect of masks on children. Ms. Landry also expressed concerns with the school system doing away with cursive writing and teaching curriculum with critical race agenda.

7. Joe Caudle- Mr. Caudle expressed concern regarding the reaction of the government saying it is nothing but tyrannical. He stated what the board is doing to these kids is child abuse. He said the mask is false security. Mr. Caudle is concerned about the board and politicians using their children as political pawns.
8. Dewayne Rice- Mr. Rice expressed concerns regarding the efficacy of PCR tests for COVID-19. He states if they are faulty on one side, they are faulty altogether. Mr. Rice also stated that we need to put a stop to this critical race theory and bring back education.

Committee and Staff Reports

Mrs. Erin Foil presented the 2020-2021 Accountability results. Accountability results from state testing for the 2020-21 school year were presented to the NC Board of Education on September 1, 2021. Results from state testing include both the Grade Level Proficiency measure (percent of students who scored at a Level 3 or above), and the College and Career Ready measure (percent of students who scored at a Level 4 or above). The U.S. Department of Education and the State of North Carolina have waived other federal and state accountability requirements, such as the calculation and reporting of the School Performance Grades and growth analyses, for the 2020-21 school year in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. All 2020-21 accountability results for North Carolina are available online at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/testing-and-school-accountability/school-accountability-and-reporting>. Local Results are attached in files. The information is given both in summary and broken down by school type.

Mrs. Lori Dingler presented information on COVID testing in schools. The state is offering two options for schools. Davie County Schools would like to go with Option 1 is the State contracted testing vendor. This would put the burden of the COVID tests not on school nurses but on the vendor. The vendor would also be responsible for reporting the negative or positive test results in the state reporting system. Option 2 is Independent testing program in which the school nurses would handle all aspects of the testing and reporting. Davie County Schools would do the diagnostic testing which is testing for those that exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 at school or have been in close contact to a person with COVID-19. Additional funding would also be provided to hire temporary school health staff to primarily help with COVID-19 and contact tracing in schools. Schools/districts must complete opt-in form by September 13, 2021. This would offer completely voluntary and free, rapid testing on-site that facilitates with a quick COVID-19 diagnosis. Student testing will only occur once the school has acquired the required parental consent.

Adjourn

Cammie Webb made the motion to adjourn with a second from Paul Drechsler; the motion was approved with a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Clint Junker, Chairman



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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Approved: 10-5-21