

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, December 7, 2021

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., December 7, 2021, in the Board Room of the Central Davie Education Center, 220 Martin Luther King Jr. Road, Mocksville, NC.

Board Members Present:

Wendy Horne, Vice-Chair
Paul Drechsler
Lori Smith
David Carroll
Cammie Webb

Absent:

Clint Junker, Chairman
Dub Potts

Staff Present:

Jeff Wallace, Superintendent
Jinda Haynes, Assistant Superintendent
Jill Wilson, Board Attorney
Clay Harris, Chief Financial Officer
Mavel Nelson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Wendy Horne Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by David Carroll, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice-Chair Wendy Horne 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. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by David Carroll; the motion carried 5-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:22 p.m.

Vice-Chair Wendy Horne reconvened the meeting at 6:09 p.m. and offered the invocation. Vice-Chair Wendy Horne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by David Carroll, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Jill Wilson, board attorney, explained that the December meeting was the 2022 organizational meeting. Mrs. Wilson called for nominations for Board Chairman. Clint Junker was nominated by Paul Drechsler. The nomination carried 5-0. Mrs. Wendy Horne was nominated by Lori Smith for the position of Vice-Chair. The nomination carried 5-0. Mrs. Wilson directed Mrs. Horne to proceed with the meeting.

Board Report

Vice-Chair Wendy Horne reviewed upcoming events.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wallace expressed his gratitude for the approval of a state budget. The state budget includes bonuses for the employees. Beginning January 2022 classified employees will be paid \$13.00 per hour and \$15.00 per hour the following year. Teachers will receive an additional \$1487.00 per year. Mr. Wallace presented attendance data, PMR 93.21% which is an increase of 3% over the previous month. Mr. Wallace provided information on the COVID-19 cases. As of December 7, there were 42 active cases out of 6,000 students and 10 active staff members. Quarantined 317 student and 3 staff members. The increase in cases are dispersed and there are not any clusters. Information on masking: when a school has more than 5% active cases relative to the number of students enrolled, the staff and students will be required to wear masks for two weeks or 14 days. COVID information for each school will be on the godavie.org website and updated weekly. Mr. Wallace provided information on the Test-to-Stay program. Members of the board were given a copy of the TTS procedural manual. The Test-to-Stay program will begin at the high school level this week. TTS will extend to middle schools starting on January 3, 2022, and K-5 grades will follow. Mr. Wallace provided an update on the K-building project. The K-building renovation team have met to discuss cost, and another meeting with the architect will be held to discuss pricing.

Recognitions

Superintendent Wallace recognized the 2021 Holiday Card Art Contest Winners. The Central Office Staff voted on the one entry from each grade level school winner: elementary, middle and high school. Congratulations were given to the school level winners: Katherine C. Gaitan, CES; Mary Reese Harris, CZE; Willow Barrier, MES; Lexi Gardner, PES; Abby Laine Butler, SGE; Charlesten Haynes, WRD; Makiah Faunce, NDMS; Eric Walker, SDMS; Cameron Hamner, DCVS; Hannah Beale, DCHS; Brianna Stevenson, DCECHS; and Emma "Eli" Denney, CDA. Eric Walker, SDM; Cameron Hamner, DCVS; and Hannah Beale, DCHS were the three winners, and each received a Walmart gift card. Eric Walker's artwork was selected as the cover art for the 2021 Davie County Schools Holiday card.

Casey Mancilla, Music Teacher, recognized students who participated in the North Carolina Honors Chorus. Charlesten Haynes, Harper Dyson, Calie Strickland, Grace Turner, Kristen Starkey, Willow Teuscher, and Sophia Penny.

Jason Carter, Music Teacher, recognized students who represented their school in the NC Elementary Honors Chorus for 2021. Kate Welborn, MES; Harper Whiteside, MES; Kyndall Bailey, CZE

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the following actions, which were approved unanimously. Donation Report (copy attached), ESSER Fund Budget Amendment (copy attached), Personnel Recommendations (copy attached), Addendum to Personnel Report (attached), and Trident Beverage Extend Contract (copy attached).

Committee and Staff Reports

Mrs. Jinda Haynes presented calendar information for 2022-2023. The calendar committee met on November 10 and 17 to draft two calendar options for 2022-2023. The two options will be made available to all staff for a vote. The preferred option will be presented to the board for approval at the January 4, 2022, BOE meeting.

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Mr. Jeremy Miller presented the 2020-2021 school year ridership figures. The information was gathered during the week of September 20-24. Ridership is down 493 from the previous year. Masking requirements and COVID-19 quarantines have an impact on the numbers.

Superintendent Wallace presented policy revisions for the Board of Education to review. These updates are based on the NCSBA's recommendation (North Carolina School Board Association). Members of the board were provided with a copy of the policy revisions. These policies will be presented for approval at the Board of Education meeting on January 4, 2022.

Business Items

Mrs. Jinda Haynes recommended amending the school calendar for 2021-2022. The recommendation was made to change two student days (January 21 and June 9, 2022) to required professional days for the state-mandated LETRS training for K-5 teachers. Mrs. Wendy Horne asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar amendment. David Carroll made the motion, seconded by Lori Smith. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Michael Spillman presented the tennis court project for William Ellis Middle School. Recommendation to enter into a contract with Court One (Granite Quarry, NC) for \$188,372.00 and a contract with WEN Construction for \$22,439.00 for the grading of the four new tennis courts. The project's total estimated cost is \$210,811.00. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb. The motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Wallace presented recommendation to enter into an agreement with ABC Science Collaborative to participate in the Test-to-Stay Program. David Carroll made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb. The motion carried 5-0.


Superintendent Wallace presented the current COVID-19 situation and the impact on Davie County Schools. The board voted to extend the current policy 4231/5021/7263. Lori Smith made the motion, seconded by David Carroll. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Address to the Board

Attorney Jill Wilson communicated there were no requests from members of the public to address the board.

Adjourn

Lori Smith made the motion to adjourn with a second from Paul Drechsler; the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Wendy Horne, Vice-Chair



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

CJ:JW: mbn

Approved: 1-4-22