

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, February 1, 2022

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., February 1, 2022, in the Board Room of the Central Davie Education Center, 220 Martin Luther King Jr. Road, Mocksville, NC.

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Chairman Junker called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

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

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. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Lori Smith; the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:18 p.m.

Chairman Junker reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and offered the invocation. Chairman Junker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wendy Horne made the motion, seconded by David Carroll, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Report

Chairman Junker reviewed upcoming events.

Superintendent's Report

Good evening, and thank you for coming, as well as those who are watching online. The Suiter family is in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Julius E. Suiter, who passed away recently, was a man who genuinely cared about everyone. I appreciate what he has done for our community.

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Mr. Wallace shared information on students' performance, end-of-course assessments, and the school's performance last year. We have 11 schools that have met the growth criteria, our goal is for every school to meet growth. This relates to student's academic progress and performance during the course of the school year. All of our schools had phenomenal growth and 10 of the 11 schools exceeded growth. I am really proud of our teachers, students and parents.

Mr. Wallace shared appreciation for the maintenance team, Mr. Clay Harris, and Mr. Jeremy Miller for their efforts to get parking lots and sidewalks cleared during the recent inclement weather

Mr. Wallace shared data from the PMR report, the attendance rate was 88 percent as of January 6, 2022. In a non-COVID year, the average attendance percentage is approximately 92.5 percent. The number of absences due to COVID had an impact on the attendance rate. Mr. Wallace provided the current COVID cases, 36 students and 10 staff members, 73 students quarantined and 5 staff member.

Mr. Wallace provided an update on Davie County COVID cases, the county had over a 1,000 cases two weeks ago. As of January 31, 2022, the number of cases has dropped to 770. The state's positivity rate is 26.9%, while the positivity rate in Davie County is 34.8 percent as of Jan. 29. The COVID cases in Davie County Schools were 14 students and 5 staff members, with 81 students quarantined and 3 staff members; these are the numbers from when we voted on "mask optional" on November 2, 2021, and Davie County's positive rate was 10.8%.

Mr. Wallace communicated that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has published new quarantine guidelines. On February 10, 2022, the guidelines for the StrongSchools NC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) were updated, with an effective date of February 21, 2022. Significant revisions to the quarantine procedure (see page 16) are among the changes.

Recognitions

Coach Tim Devericks recognized Palmer Williams, he was selected to the 2023 Adidas All-American Bowl--a national kicking and punting showcase in Las Vegas. The bowl game will be on NBC next January 2023. A national award only 2 punters in the US were chosen. Palmer is the only football player from DCHS to play in the All-American bowl.

Coach Joe Brunelli recognized the William Ellis football team and coaches on their accomplishments. The football team was conference champions after finishing undefeated during the season.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the following actions, which were approved unanimously. Donation Report (copy attached), Personnel Recommendations (copy attached), and Budget Amendments (copy attached).

Committee and Staff Reports

Mrs. Lori Dingler, school nurse presented the NC Annual Health Services report. Health Education presentations training were offered, which included diabetes training for staff, infection prevention and control, reproductive health for students, and COVID awareness. We conducted 6,837 individual health encounter sessions with students or their family and 1,565 students went back to class. Nurses made 23 home visits, 472 students had prescriptions orders to receive medication at school, 66 students had injuries or incidents at school that required EMS response. The Friendly Dental van served 57 students at various schools. A flu clinic was offered through Walgreens and 223 employees were vaccinated. Three COVID vaccine clinics were held for staff and 505 adults were vaccinated. A total of 40 students were vaccinated at the student vaccine clinic, which was held for students aged 16 to 18. Last year, we conducted contact tracing on COVID-positive employees and quarantined 349. A total of 340 students tested positive and 2070 students were quarantined.

Mrs. Lori Dingler, school nurse presented nursing staff update. The state provided funding for us to hire more nurses. We were able to hire three registered nurses and one more certified nursing assistant

Mrs. Jinda Haynes the proposed Davie County Early College High School Calendar for the school year 2022-2023 is being presented to the Board of Education for review and consideration. The calendar will be presented to the BOE for approval on March 1, 2022.

Mr. Harris provided an update on ESSER funds as of February 1, 2022. The PRC 141-Pandemic Bonus (all staff) sunset date of March 31, 2022. The PRC 203 (80% State Certified Staff) sunset date of June 30, 2022 and the CRF (COVID-19 Relief Funds) sunset date of December 31, 2021. Employees who qualified for the pandemic incentive must receive it before March 31, 2022. The federal PRC 203, which is state certified money, funded roughly 80% of the bonus for certified employees, ESSER locally and federally paid the other 20%, for the staff to receive the \$1,000.00 bonus. Our certified personnel include our classroom teachers, instructional support employees, and anybody who is paid according to state salary schedules.

Mrs. Valerie Feezor, principal of Davie County Virtual School, gave an overview of the school. The COVID pandemic prompted the need for a virtual education program in Davie County Schools. As of January 2022, there are 61 students enrolled in grades 4 through 8. Each of the four teachers teaches two to three subjects to students in across three grade levels. They offer interventions and enrichment. The support staff consists of a part-time counselor, three EC teachers, a PE teacher, and a bookkeeper. Electives in art and CTE are available. There are 61 students registered in grades 9-12. At the high school, assistant principal, Alvin Rubin is the administrator. There are 19 teachers, each of them teaches one to three virtual courses in a single class period. EC teaches both online and in-person classes. Davie High School's staff supports virtual students in addition to the students in the building. Other supplement schedules are available with NCVPS.

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Mrs. Jennifer Lynde, Ms. Renee Hennings-Gonzalez, Ms. Stephanie Nelson, and Ms. Amy Spade gave an overview of LETRS® (Language Essentials of Teaching Reading and Spelling) Professional Learning requirements for teachers and administrators in PreK through 5th grade. The Mebane Foundation helped fund our grant for the LETRS® initiative. The overview included the required components, and how we are providing support for our staff.

Business Items

Mrs. Jinda Haynes presented information to amend the school calendar for 2021-2022. Recent inclement weather has required adjustments to the 2021-22 school calendars, both the traditional calendar and the Davie County Early College High School calendar. Immediate adjustments were difficult because Davie County High School was in exam week and needed to finish up fall semester courses. Wendy Horne made the motion to approve the 2021-2022 school calendars adjustments as presented. Dub Potts seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Clay Harris presented the Anderson Smith and Wike PLLC contract to audit accounts. The audit fee in the amount of \$32,200.00 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 audit report due date October 31, 2022. Paul Drechsler made the motion to approve the Anderson Smith and Wike PLLC contract as presented. Cammie Webb seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Policy 2310: Superintendent Wallace presented the fall policy update which was presented to the board as information at the December 7, 2021 meeting. The policy is now being presented to the board for approval. Cammie Webb made the motion to approve Policy 2310 as presented. David Carroll seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Policy 4231/5021/7263: Superintendent Wallace spoke about COVID-19's current status and its impact on Davie County Schools. The board discussed the existing situation and reviewed the face covering policy. Motion made by Dub Potts to continue masking. Paul Drechsler seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2.


Public Address to the Board

Attorney Jill Wilson explained the procedures for public comments. The following member(s) of the public addressed the board.

1. Joann Landry
2. Chris Anderson
3. John Rogers

Adjourn

Lori Smith made the motion to adjourn with a second from David Carroll; the motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



Clint Junker, Chairman



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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