

The Dare County Board of Education met in **special session** on Monday, January 16, 2023, at Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC, for Board Training. Members in attendance were Board Chairman Ron Payne, Vice-Chairman Barry Wickre, Mary Ellon Ballance, Susan Bothwell, Matt Brauer, David Twiddy, and Carl Woody.

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Board Attorney Rachel Hitch to lead the training sessions for the Board. Other attorneys participating in the training were Mr. Brandon McPherson and Mr. Brian Shaw. Topics included Basic Boardsmanship, Board Member Ethics, Board Liability, an update on the *Leandro Case*, and Free Speech Issues Facing Boards.

Following the training session, the Board took a recess at 5pm, with plans to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. the following morning.

Ron C. Payne, Board Chairman

Steve Basnight, Secretary