

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, March 7, 2023

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., March 7, 2023, in the Board Room of the Central Davie Education Center, 220 Martin Luther King Jr. Road, Mocksville, NC 27028.

Board Members Present:

Wendy Horne, Chair
Dub Potts Vice-Chair
Paul Drechsler
Cammie Webb
Con Shelton
Marie Helms
Joe Caudle

Staff Present:

Jeff Wallace, Superintendent
Jinda Haynes, Assistant Superintendent
Jill Wilson, Board Attorney
Clay Harris, Chief Operations Officer
Carol Stuart, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Absent:

Jennifer Lynde, Chief Academic Officer

Madam Chair Wendy Horne called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Mr. Wallace said there was a need to amend the agenda to add a vote for next year's Early College calendar that was presented last month. Dub Potts made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler, to adopt the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

Madam Chair 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 personnel and property matters protected by State Law and to discuss student concerns made confidential by General Statutes and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Con Shelton made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler; the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:21 p.m.

Madam Chair reconvened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. and asked Dub Potts to offer the invocation. Mrs. Horne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marie Helms made the motion, seconded by Joe Caudle, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 7, 2023, regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

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Board Report

Madam Chair Mrs. Horne reviewed upcoming events in March. April 3, 2023 will be the Davie County Board of Commissioner's monthly meeting and announced that the next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. April 3-6, 2023, is spring break for students and April 7, 2023, is the Easter holiday. This weekend starts Daylight Saving Time.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wallace began his monthly report by thanking everyone and was pleased to see a packed house, especially with students who will receive recognition. Mr. Wallace welcomed those who also attended online.

Mr. Wallace introduced Carol Stuart as the new Administrative Assistant. She has done a good job, and he appreciates her.

He mentioned that this is School Social Worker's Recognition Week. He welcomed the many great social workers and interns. They often work with hard situations, and he appreciates them.

This week is North Carolina Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Schools will do a tornado drill and make sure procedures are in place.

This Thursday, March 9, 2023, several administrators and board members will be at the PTEC Signature School Celebration. William R. Davie will be honored as the Signature School for Davie County Schools.

The Virtual School and Administrative Building progress is moving forward. Delays in materials were mentioned at the last board meeting. Mr. Wallace will keep the board posted with updates and offered to give a walk-through to any board member who is interested.

Last month there was a question about fuel costs. Jeremy Miller and Clay Harris worked with Mr. Wallace on comparing this year's first semester to the first semester in 2021-22. There is an additional \$72,000 being spent on fuel. The district has gone from using 68 buses last year to 65 buses this year. Davie County Schools will apply for some contingency money to help with the additional costs.

The district staff is preparing for the budget process for next year. Principals have met with parent-teacher organizations and school improvement teams. This Thursday, March 9, 2023, Mr. Wallace and Clay Harris will meet with the Teachers of the Year to present an overview of the budget. On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, the principals will participate in a similar budgeting discussion.

Recognitions

Shane Young, an Administrator Intern, presented the Davie County High School cheer team, who won two State Championships and placed eighth in 113 teams at Nationals this year. Mr. Wallace thanked Mrs. Stage and the cheer team for their dedication.

Anthony Davis presented the top three winners of the district's Spelling Bee competition held on February 9, 2023. He thanked Misty Hutchens for working hard to prepare for the event. He thanked the parents, family, Mr. Potts, and the sponsors: Venezia's Italian Restaurant, Davie County Enterprise Record, and Mocksville Women's Club. It took 21 rounds to declare the top 3 winners, with the winning word being "hackneyed." Addyson Adkins – third place. Olivia Rareshide – second place. Porter Spann – first place. Porter Spann has taken first place three years in a row. He competed in the Regional Spelling Bee on March 5, 2023. Ann Wood, who runs the regional spelling bee, contacted Davie County Schools to compliment Porter as being a great speller and person.

William Ellis Middle School MathCounts was introduced by Casey Morrison. Stephen Rareshide presented the award to the four students who participated on the team. MathCounts is a nation-wide competition. North Carolina has 10 regions and had 18 schools participate. William Ellis took second place in the region. They qualified for the state-level competition that will be going on Friday, March 17, 2023. Mr. Rareshide introduced the winners: Carden Stroud, Olivia Rareshide, Jonathan Hanes, and Zach Hirata.

South Davie Middle School Wrestling team was recognized by athletic director Ben Baity as the regular season and tournament champions. He thanked Coach Hilton, Coach Drew, and the team. The team presented Coach Hilton with a trophy.

South Davie Middle School Boys Basketball team was recognized by athletic director Ben Baity. The team won the Regular Season Championship. He recognized Coaches Mayfield, Nance, and Wilson.

Consent Agenda

Madam Chair asked for a motion to approve the Consent items. Jinda Haynes asked to remind the board of the addendum to the agenda. Madam Chair asked for a motion with the addendum included for the Consent Agenda to be approved.

Cammie Webb made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Business Items

Madam Chair Horne asked for a motion regarding the recommendation to approve the Fall 2022 updates to the policies. Marie Helms made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb, to approve the updated policies as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

LED Lighting project for Shady Grove. Clay Harris asked to move forward with the approval of the LED Lighting at Shady Grove, which had been included in the budget. Three vendors had presented bids which were opened on February 14, 2023. The staff recommends contracting with CW Electric Company out of Yadkinville, accepting Alternative 1 at \$184,947 with a rebate from Duke Energy of \$25,000, which offsets the \$184,947. Madam Chair asks for a motion to approve the LED Lighting at Shady Grove. Marie Helms made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb. Madam Chair opened it up for discussion. Paul Drechsler mentioned the difference between the first and third bid. Mr. Harris said Mr. Spillman reached out to CW Electric to make sure they knew what was included in the bid. The company confirmed and understood. Mr. Potts asked to confirm what was being approved: the \$184,947 or the \$159,947; Mr. Harris confirmed the \$184,947. Mr. Potts asked for clarification – that they are approving the full amount, but then Davie County School would receive the rebate, which then totals around \$160,000. Mr. Harris confirmed Mr. Potts' summary. Madam Chair called for the vote to approve the LED Lighting at Shady Grove. The motion carried 7-0.

Davie High School Graduation Date. Traditionally the graduation date is set in March after the worst weather has passed. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to approve the Davie County High School graduation date for Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at War Eagle Stadium. The motion carried 7-0.

Jinda Haynes presented the addendum to bring the Early College calendar for the 2023-24 year to the board, which was presented at the last board meeting. Mr. Caudle made the motion, and Mr. Shelton seconded, to approve the Early College school calendar for the 2023-24 school year. The motion carried 7-0.

Committee/Staff Reports

Mr. Wallace presented to the board the Naming Facility Committee. He introduced the Committee members: Mr. Clyde Scott, Yvette Shore, Valorie Feezor, Dub Potts, Clay Harris, Diane Ireland, and Chad Hilton. The board challenged Mr. Wallace to form a committee to name the Virtual School/Administrative Building facility according to Policy 9300 and bring a proposal for the name of the renovated building. The committee met January 13, 2023, and February 17, 2023. They are proud to recommend the name "Davie County Schools Mebane Education Center" in honor of Mr. Allen Mebane, who was committed to improving early grades education and gave financial support to improve literacy in Davie County. Mr. Wallace is asking the board to vote next month. Yvette Shore and Diane Ireland spoke about how technology will reach the students and classroom, that there are benefits within the preschools, and that Mr. Mebane's desire to enrich all students of all walks of life.

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Clyde Scott said he was honored to serve on this committee. He graduated from Davie County training school 56 years ago, and is proud to be a part of this community. He thanked Mr. Wallace and the board for their vision. Davie County Schools and the Mebane Charitable Foundation just completed a five-year, \$2,500,000 project focused on early learning over a 5-year span. Six preschool buildings located at each elementary school were funded by the Mebane Foundation. Mr. Wallace told the board that once everyone moves into the building, there will be a Grand Opening. The recommendation for a vote on the name will be next month.

Joe Otranto presented information about National School Nutrition Month and National School Breakfast Week. Mr. Otranto said they are working to have a nutritious, moderate, healthy food and have a theme of Fueling the Future. The theme for National School Breakfast week is "Digging into School Breakfast." Pinebrook Elementary is the pilot of what breakfast will look like next year, offering 7 entrees instead of one option: 5 hot meals and 2 cereal options. Since you can't teach a hungry child, so offering a nutritious meal to every student. There has been a 17% increase in breakfast participation.

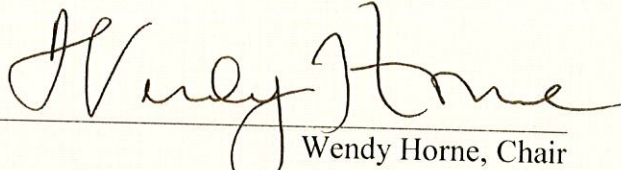
Jennifer Custer, Student Services Director, presented on National School Social Workers Week. Ms. Custer mentioned the many ways school social workers support families. They handle truancy and attendance, offer support, act as an advocate, and assist students who fall within the McKinney-Vento program. The school counselors, including two interns, joined Ms. Custer and shared a presentation on the many ways they serve and help. Their theme is "We Rise." Officer Jeff Jones recognized their hard work and dedication.

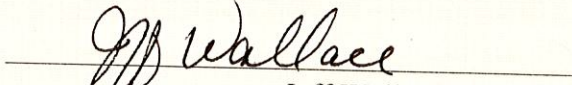
Public Address to the Board

None

Adjourn

Marie Helms made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe Caudle. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


Wendy Horne, Chair


Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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