

**MINUTES**  
**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**TUESDAY, May 2, 2023**

*The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., May 2, 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

Jennifer Lynde, Chief Academic Officer

Clay Harris, Chief Operations Officer

Carol Stuart, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Absent: none

**Closed Session**

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

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. Cammie Webb made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton. The motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:21 p.m.

Madam Chair reconvened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and offered the invocation. Mrs. Horne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Joe Caudle, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 11, 2023, regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

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### **Board Report**

Madam Chair reviewed the upcoming calendar dates. The Davie County Schools board members and family members will be honoring retirees on May 25, 2023. The next Board of Education meeting will be on June 6, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Davie County High School's graduation is on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 8:30 AM at War Eagle Stadium. She said there are many other dates that will probably be mentioned in school messages.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Wallace welcomed staff, students, parents, and online guests. Mr. Wallace shared that the Davie County Early College High School graduation is Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the DCHS auditorium and congratulated the Early College High School Class of 2023.

The Mebane Education Center continues to take shape. Davie County Schools received the temporary certificate of occupancy. The flooring is down. The furniture will be delivered and assembled beginning May 22, 2023. The climate control system will be monitored, and some departments may start moving into the building at the end of May or beginning of June. District leaders are meeting next week to plan and discuss moving logistics. At the construction meeting held yesterday, it was reported the two electrical panels are still scheduled to be shipped in late June and mid-July.

Attendance is improving – the attendance rate last period was 94 percent. This is a slightly better percentage than last year in the same period and less than a percentage below pre-COVID numbers. Mr. Wallace credited the principals, teachers, social workers, students, and parents for the positive change.

Mr. Wallace told the board that the proposed 2023-24 budget will be presented to them tonight. He commended Clay Harris and the Leadership Team for their work to develop the proposed budget. There is a lot of forecasting and projecting that goes into the process, because the state has not yet passed a budget. Mr. Wallace thanked the principals, Teachers of the Year, and the Board for attending work sessions and meetings and providing input for the final budget proposal. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Harris will deliver a copy of the budget proposal to the Board of Commissioners by May 15, 2023. In June, the Board will receive a recommendation to approve the final list of capital projects for next year and the capital budget resolution that aligns with the projects. Superintendents were told last Friday that the Senate may release their budget this week.

Mr. Wallace was happy to share that classified and certified staff will receive additional monies in the next two weeks. Classified staff will receive the second installment of the retention bonus using ESSER funds. This is the second year we have provided this bonus. Certified staff will receive the state Low Wealth supplement again this year, which is a little over \$2,000.

This Friday, May 5, 2023, is designated as School Hero Day. Mr. Otranto says the goal each day is to nourish each student's body, mind, and soul with a kind and welcoming team of school nutrition super heroes. The cafeterias will be filled with heroes wearing masks and capes this Friday. Mr. Wallace is thankful for the school nutrition team at each school, and he thanked Mr. Otranto for recognizing his team.



**Recognitions**

Mr. Wallace recognized Clay Harris and the finance department for receiving the Association for School Business Officials – ASBO International’s Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the FY2022 annual comprehensive financial report. Mr. Wallace commended Mr. Harris on his commitment to transparency and high-quality financial reporting for the district.

Casey Morrison, principal of William Ellis Middle School, recognized Amanda James, the band teacher, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members, for receiving all Superiors at the MPA held in Lenoir Rhyne University. Mrs. James said they sent 46 students, where they performed three prepared pieces in front of judges; they received superior ratings, which is the highest rating. The students then completed sight-reading on a brand-new piece and received a superior rating. They are excited that many of these students will take their talents with them when they move on to the high school.

Lance White, swim coach, presented the NCSHAA State Qualifier award for the state swim meet to Earnhardt Harris. He swims about 55 football fields every day and holds a 4.3 GPA.

Mr. Pruitt, principal of Davie County High School, recognized Perry Long with the CPC Wrestling Coach of the Year 2022-23 award. Mr. Long had prior commitments and could not attend the meeting. Mr. Long has coached for 20 years between South Davie Middle and Davie County High School. Over that time period, he accumulated an 83 and 40 overall record, and a 20 and 4 record in CPC, which is outstanding. This year they started a Heavy Team with 5 students and far exceeded the expectations. He has been commended for his composure and is well-respected throughout the state. Coach Long’s peers chose him to be the 2022-23 CPC Coach of the Year.

Anthony Davis discussed how SkillsUSA had grown into a big group before COVID. After COVID, they have had to rebuild their group. Because of the hard work the sponsors have given, the SkillsUSA team now has around 40 students. Mr. Davis asked Seth James to come forward to recognize the students who placed in the SkillsUSA State competition:

- Wesley Carter, Landon Vick (Team) - 1st Place in Robotics - Urban Search and Rescue
- Aubrey Speckin, Will Dwiggins, Katie Lewis (Team) - 1st Place in Occupational Health and Safety
- Cameron Good, Bodie Vest, Stephen Choate (Team) - 2nd Place in Automotive Skills Project Showcase
- Slade Keaton, Stuart Robinson, Cody White (Team) - 2nd Place in Engineering Technology Design
- Fernando Rosas - 2nd Place in Job Skills Demonstration
- Jackson Gager, Cayden Kennedy (Team) - 2nd Place in Mobile Robotics
- Avery Yount - 3rd Place in Technical Drafting



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### **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. Marie Helms made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Business Items**

Mr. Clay Harris presented the drafted proposed budget information. Last year the capital budget was higher - because of the funds designated for the work at the Mebane Education Center. The state budget increased by 3.2 percent, and the local budget increased by seven percent. With federal planning, Mr. Harris thinks there will be about a one percent reduction. There is a two percent increase with the nutrition department. The current budget totals \$71.6 million dollars; next year's budget is \$71.4 million dollars. ESSER funds are budgeted separately. Paul Drechsler motioned to approve the budget, and Cammie Webb seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Committee/Staff Reports**

Anthony Davis gave the State of CTE address. The CTE program is strong. There are 14 career clusters, 27 pathways, and 50 individual courses. The teachers and administrators work collaboratively to ensure their mission is accomplished: Awareness. Engagement. Preparedness. They look at employment gaps and think creatively about how to start filling them. They are reaching out to students earlier now going to the middle schools and letting students know what options are available.

CTE enrollments continue to increase. DCS is in the top ten percent in the state with students earning credentials making them more employable. Mr. Davis acknowledged that Sandra Hinkle was recently named the CTE TOY, and Will Marrs was named DCHS TOY. There are several Career and Technical Student Organizations, such as SkillsUSA, FFA, NTHS, who work together to support students. Alyse Wooldridge, Career Development Coordinator, works closely with what now totals 32 local business partners to support student internships. She has taken this program from zero student-interns to 56 student-interns in three years. The Career Expo gave a venue for businesses to talk with students. Energy United came and held a lineman camp, which allowed students to experience what is involved with that line of work. Davie County is one of the top 20 finalists as an All-American City, and 12 current or recently graduated students will be presenting in Denver, Colorado in June at the All-American competition. CTE is planning to work on grants to get space for future projects in Public Safety and Megatronics.

Marie Helms commended Mr. Davis for an incredible presentation; she was pleased that this program integrates EC students. She said this presentation provided a good understanding why professional development is needed. Dub Potts said that this information was so good - it needs to be in front of the



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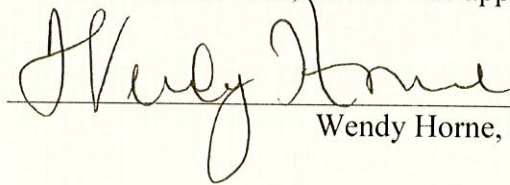
Davie County community. Wendy Horne applauded growing our students and giving them opportunities; this is great news as new jobs come to the area.

**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 7:18 p.m.

  
Wendy Horne, Chair

  
Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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