

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, April 11, 2023

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., April 11, 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

Closed Session

Madam Chair Wendy Horne called the meeting to order at 5:10 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. Joe Caudle made the motion. Paul Drechsler, seconded the motion; the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:10 p.m.

Madam Chair Wendy Horne reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Madam Chair offered the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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Board Report

Madam Chair reviewed the upcoming dates. April 20, 2023 will be the Character Ed Awards held at Davie County High School. The Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting is May 1, 2023. The next Davie County Schools Board of Education Meeting is May 2, 2023. May 25, 2023 is the retirement dinner. There is an early release on April 27, 2023 for Davie County Schools. There is no school on April 28, 2023.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jeff Wallace welcomed staff, guests, students, families, and those watching online. Mr. Wallace shared with a heavy heart that Davie County Schools lost two great men recently. Benny Brown, a school nutrition employee for more than 6 years, passed away last week. In his 2016 application, he explained that he wanted the position because he enjoyed serving and helping others and doing his best for his workplace and family. Davie County Schools also lost Colonel Terry Hales on Sunday night. Terry was a life-long servant. He retired from the U.S. Army after 31 years, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam. After retiring from the military, he taught and led JROTC programs for over 20 years, spending the last 12 years at Davie County High School, where he retired in 2013. He served on the Board of Education from 2016-2020. He leaves behind his wife, Mary Helen, his children Sarah, Terry, Jr., and Camilla, along with many grandchildren. Both men will be missed. A moment of silence was given in honor of Benny and Terry.

Mr. Wallace said he hoped everyone had a nice Easter and spring break. He encouraged everyone to stay the course and finish strong in this final quarter of the school year.

Mr. Wallace thanked Mary Foster and Julie Marklin at Mocksville Elementary School for hosting the Mocksville Rotarians and permitting them to read with the children at the school on March 30, 2023. Mr. Wallace is grateful that community groups are willing to be involved with schools.

Mr. Wallace reported that attendance continues to improve. The last reporting period showed 93.88%, compared to this timeframe prior to COVID-19 when it was 94.81%.

The Virtual School/Administration Building is still progressing. Part of the HVAC system has been installed; furniture is ready to be delivered; arrangements are being made with a moving company. While we expect to receive a temporary certificate of occupancy by mid-May, electrical panels still are delayed in being shipped. This will most likely push the final completion and certificate of occupancy into August or September.

There is exciting news about middle school athletics. Davie County Middle Schools will be joining a conference next year with Rowan County and Mooresville Graded School districts. County Athletic Director, Anthony Davis, has done an outstanding job working through the details of the new conference.

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Mr. Wallace spoke to both superintendents, Jason Gardner and Kelly Withers, a month ago and expressed his appreciation for working with Davie County Schools.

This morning, district staff participated in the Davie County Local Emergency Planning meeting held at the Davie County Community Park. Law enforcement and emergency service teams were in attendance. Guest speakers from Forsyth and Moore counties shared valuable information; it was a good opportunity to network and build relationships with law enforcement and emergency services.

Mr. Clay Harris is diligently working on the 2023-24 Budget. One key element of the budgeting process is the projected Average Daily Membership (ADM). Next year's projected allotment is 6086, up from 6064 this year and 6041 last year. This is good news as rural districts' enrollments continue to decline. Teacher allotments are based on the projected ADM. Knowing ESSER funding will continue to sunset through September 2024, the district staff is making concerted efforts to share budgeting information and get input from various staff. On March 9, 2023, our team had an interactive budget meeting with all Teachers-of-the Year representing each school. On March 14, 2023, principals and the leadership team spent time working on the budget; there will be a follow-up meeting this Thursday, April 13, 2023, with the same group. On March 30, 2023, the Board of Education Budget Committee met and reviewed budget requests; there are budget work sessions scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023. The Board will receive the proposed budget on Friday, April 28, 2023, and then vote on the proposed budget at the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Once the proposed budget has been approved, Mr. Harris and Mr. Wallace will deliver the budget to the Board of Commissioners on or before May 15, 2023. As a reminder, the budget is not final until Davie County Schools receives a state budget from the General Assembly.

Recognitions

Michael Pruitt, principal at Davie County High School, introduced Matthew Brusseau, Davie County High School's band teacher. Mr. Pruitt acknowledged Mr. Brusseau's hard work and success with all of the different bands. Mr. Brusseau was presented with a certificate for the Wind Ensemble, earning straight superiors on college-level music.

Michael Pruitt introduced Shannon Patton, a phenomenal teacher at Davie High School and Teacher-of-the-Year last year. He recognized Shannon Patton, a math teacher at Davie County High School, as being named one of three finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Dub Potts asked Madam Chair to say a few words about the recipient. He said that Shannon had been at the top of her class when he was principal at the high school. She was outstanding at math, playing basketball, and working in the classroom. She was one of the first to go through the NC Teaching Fellows Program. When we talk about the best and brightest, we are fortunate to have Shannon as a teacher. Mrs. Horne congratulated Mrs. Patton.

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Wendy Horne recognized Hunter Testa, Davie County High School student-athlete, for being selected as the CPC Upper Weight Wrestler of the Year. Congratulations. Hunter was not in attendance.

Jinda Hayes discussed how the National Board Certification is a certification above and beyond the state certification. Davie County has 54 Nationally Board Certified employees, which includes not only teachers, but also instructional coaches, media coordinators, and school administrators. Incentives in obtaining this distinguished award include an opportunity for professional growth, achievement and recognition, and a 12% increase in one's salary. Mrs. Haynes introduced Karla Freeman, instructional coach and district mentor, who provides additional support for those going through the process of learning how to integrate instructional goals, student learning, planned activities, and assessments.

The recipients are:

Taylor Brewer - Shady Grove Elementary School

Brittany Darst - Davie County High School

Julie Litaker - William Ellis Middle School

Dawn Lowery - North Davie Middle School

Kristen McGown - Central Davie Academy

Paula O'Rorke - Davie County High School

Carl Wagstaff - Davie County High School

Consent Agenda

Madam Chair asked for a motion to approve the Consent items as presented. Dub Potts made the motion, seconded by Marie Helms. The motion carried 7-0.

Business Items

Mr. Wallace recommended the naming of the new facility to be "Davie County Schools Mebane Education Center" in honor of the long-standing contributions of Mr. Allen Mebane. He is asking to vote on this recommendation. Marie Helms made the motion, and Cammie Webb seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Michael Spillman presented the Shady Grove HVAC Replacement Project information and recommended contracting with Professional Air Systems for the total amount of \$559,945.00. Mr. Paul Drechsler told Mr. Spillman that he appreciated all the work that went into this bidding process and could tell that Mr. Spillman has been very conscious about the money being spent. Joe Caudle made the motion to approve this project; Con Shelton seconded the motion. The vote passed 7-0.

Public Address to the Board

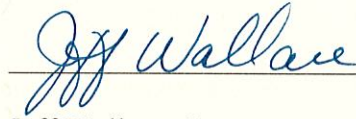
None

Adjourn

Joe Caudle made the motion to adjourn with a second from Paul Drechsler. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Wendy Horne, Chair



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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Approved: ✓