

**MINUTES**  
**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**TUESDAY, June 6, 2023**

*The Davie County Board of Education met at 4:00 p.m., June 6, 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

**Open Session**

Madam Chair Wendy Horne called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Madame Chair asked Dub Potts to offer the invocation. Madame Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Drechsler made a motion to adopt the agenda. Marie Helms seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Joe Caudle made the motion to approve the minutes from Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Con Shelton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

**Board Report**

Madame Chair reviewed the Important Dates. Early Release and the last day of school will be Friday, June 9, 2023. Davie County High School's graduation will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 8:30 at the War Eagle Stadium. The next Board Meeting will be July 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Wallace gave his report. Mr. Wallace displayed pictures of seniors taking Senior Walks in their former Davie County elementary schools; he thanked the teachers and staff for making a difference in so many students' lives. Mr. Wallace also displayed a picture of Dr. Hartness being presented with a check from money raised by superintendents and community college presidents for scholarships in his honor. Mr. Wallace said the move to the Mebane Education Center would begin later in the week and progress throughout the summer. The Davie County Schools' capital outlay budget was presented earlier in the month to the Davie County Commissioners. Davie County Schools will work under the continuing budget until the State budget is approved. There are concerns with the Senate's budget regarding minimal increases in funding for teachers with 15 to 20 years of experience. However, the new teachers' pay is better. Attendance is at 93.5%, which is close to what it was this time of year before COVID. The North Carolina Department of Public Safety will continue conducting weekly visits in our schools.

### **Recognitions**

Mr. Wallace presented School Resource Officer Jeff Jones, with a plaque for his 14 years of service to Davie County Schools. Officer Jones will retire from law enforcement after 15 years with the Davie County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Jones has made an impression on so many students with his calm, approachable nature. He was intuitive and a good communicator. Mr. Wallace thanked Officer Jones for all that he has done for the schools and the community.

Michael Pruitt, principal at Davie County High School, presented Melissa Boswell with the North Carolina Virtual Public School Instruction Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Boswell is always professional and keeps students on track. She has coordinated online courses for 15 years. Mr. Pruitt is pleased and honored to have her as a teacher at DCBS.

Athletic Director Trish King recognized the North Davie Middle School's Boy's Tennis Team as conference champions with an undefeated 11-0 season. She commended Coach Miller's hard work. North Davie has only had two undefeated seasons: 2006 and 2023.

Mary Foster, principal of Mocksville Elementary School, introduced Dulce Selina Violante, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. Dulce's poster on "Water...the Cycle for Life" was chosen as the best poster at the county, district, and state levels. She not only received the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Districts Poster Contest State Winner award, but she also received a surprise visit from representatives who presented her with a check.

### **Consent Agenda**

Madam Chair asked for a motion to approve the Consent items. Jinda Haynes asked to remind the board of the personnel addendum to the agenda. Joe Caudle asked if the capital outlay was in the consent. Mr. Wallace confirmed that this information was included. Dr. David Blattner was invited to explain what services were included in the costs for the Chromebook and its white glove services. The company will unpack, conduct inventory, install the programs, and have the availability of necessary parts. Dub Potts

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asked if the consent agenda was for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. Dr. Blattner confirmed that this was for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Potts asked how many years the Chromebooks are in circulation and used by students. Dr. Blattner explained that the Chromebooks are used for 3-4 years at the middle schools or high school and then passed down to the elementary schools to use for the final 3 years. Madam Chair asked for a motion, with the addendum included, for the Consent Agenda to be approved. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Business Items**

Dr. David Blatter introduced himself as the Director of Technology. He has as a high school teacher, bus driver, assistant principal, principal, and central office administrator. His passion is kids. Dr. Blattner proposed the purchase of 1,200 Chromebooks. He said that 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders would be getting new Chromebooks that will extend through the course of their 3-4 years before the Chromebooks are passed down to the computer labs at the elementary schools. Each Chromebook comes with a 4-year warrantee, a case, software safety, and the white glove package. Marie Helms asked if we could expect a purchase of 1,200 Chromebooks every year. Mr. Wallace said that was correct. Paul Drechsler made a motion to approve the purchase of 1,200 Chromebooks. Cammie Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Michael Spillman presented information on the North Davie Middle School/Davie County High School Tennis Court project. Davie County Schools invited three contractors to bid; two submitted a bid. Davie County Schools selected Lawing Premium Paving, LLC as the company to complete the project; they are the same company that did the floor restoration at North Davie Middle School. Paul Drechsler asked if the courts were open for public use; Mr. Spillman said that it was not encouraged. Mr. Drechsler asked if there was any coin option to charge for the use of the courts; Mr. Spillman said there had been discussions, but no decision has been made. Mr. Spillman proposed for the Board of Education to approve the use of Lawing to complete the tennis court project. Joe Caudle made a motion to approve the project; Paul Drechsler seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

### **Committee/Staff Reports**

None

### **Public Address to the Board**

None

### **Closed Session**

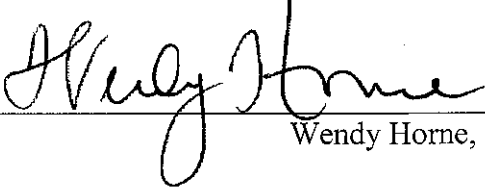
Madam Chair called for a motion to go into closed session to preserve the attorney client privilege pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes listed on the agenda, to review personnel and property matters protected by State Law, and to discuss student concerns made confidential by General Statutes, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Dub Potts made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler; the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 4:47 p.m.

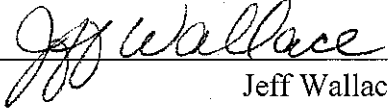
Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Joe Caudle, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 6, 2023, regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

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**Adjourn**

Dub Potts made the motion to adjourn with a second from Cammie Webb. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

  
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Wendy Horne, Chair

  
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Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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