

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, July 11 2023

The Davie County Board of Education met at 4:00 p.m., July 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

Joe Caudle

Absent:

Marie Helms

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

Open Session

Madam Chair Wendy Horne called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Madam Chair offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Caudle made the motion to adopt the agenda. Paul Drechsler seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Cammie Webb entered the meeting at 4:04 p.m. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to approve the minutes from the Thursday, March 30, 2023, Budget Committee Meeting. The motion carried 6-0. Joe Caudle made the motion to approve the Tuesday, June 6, 2023, regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Board Report

Madam Chair reviewed the Important Dates, noting that the start of school is rapidly approaching. Early College starts August 3, 2023, and all other schools start August 28, 2023.

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Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wallace presented his July 11, 2023 report. He welcomed board members, staff, and visitors. He informed attendees that Davie County Schools suffered the loss of two students within the last month: Jordan Dickerson and Trevon Mitchell. He asked for a moment of silence in honor and memory of these two students and their families.

Mr. Wallace informed attendees of the many activities taking place over the summer at our schools. Activities include Kindergarten Camp, Read To Achieve Camp, Camp Discovery for rising 5th and 6th graders, STEM Pipeline for rising 7th and 8th graders, Bridge Camp for rising 8th and 9th graders, summer school, and Exceptional Children's Camp. About 600 kids are taking part in these programs over the course of the summer.

The Summer Meals program is based at Mocksville Elementary, Cooleemee Elementary and Davie County High School, and there are 28 feeding sites for both breakfast and lunch.

Attendance was at 92.64% at the end of the school year. This was 2% higher than last year at this time, and about 2% down pre-COVID.

The final electrical panel will be shipped to the Mebane Education Center on August 2, 2023. Three panels will be installed next week to help expedite the final installation of the fourth panel. During the installation of these three panels, the building will shut down, and staff will work at alternative locations.

On August 7, 8, and 9, 2023, staff will attend C3 Pathway Safety Training.

Lastly, a video was shown to capture the highlights from the school year.

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. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Haynes introduced Shannon James, the new Assistant Principal for Pinebrook Elementary School. Mrs. James brings 18 years of experience as a 1st and 3rd grade teacher and Instructional Coach. She rolls up her sleeves to get the work done, builds relationships, and excels in listening and empathizing. She has seven-year-old twin girls, Nora and Clara.

Business Items

Dr. David Blattner proposed a vote to approve a new phone system. Out of four vendors, we received three bids. The current phones are 16 years old and can no longer be serviced. There are many upgrades to the new system, including an app to use personal cell phones for staff convenience. Con

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Shelton made the motion to approve updating the phone system. Dub Potts seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Committee/Staff Reports

Superintendent Jeff Wallace brought to the Board members Policy 2310 and Policy 2330 that need updates, and the Board will be asked to vote on the updates next month. Jill Wilson, attorney, stated that the policy was written so that any random item could have been added to the agenda that is not even related to school issues. She reminded the Board members that the board agenda and meetings are theirs to run like the Board wants. She confirmed that the policies need to be adjusted. Mr. Dub Potts suggested we include wording to include “in concert with the Board Chair” when items are placed onto the agenda. He said there needs to be clear communication ahead of time

Public Address to the Board

None

Closed Session

Madam Chair called for a motion at 4:33 p.m. 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.

Mr. Potts interrupted the motion to share how amazed he was at the high school graduation. He said it was the best graduation he had attended; both students and families behaved with dignity, and the students were respectful.

Cammie Webb made the motion to go into closed session, seconded by Joe Caudle; the motion carried 6-0. The Board went into closed session at 4:34 p.m.

Adjourn

Joe Caudle made the motion to adjourn, with a second from Dub Potts. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Wendy Horne, Chair

Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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