

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, September 5, 2023

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., September 5, 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 4:37 p.m.

Joe Caudle made the motion to adopt this meeting's agenda. Paul Drechsler seconded the motion. The motion passed 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. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 4:37 p.m.

Madam Chair reconvened the meeting at 6:06 p.m. She offered the invocation. Mrs. Horne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dub Potts made the motion, seconded by Marie Helms, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, August 1, 2023, regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

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Board Report

Madam Chair mentioned that two early releases are coming up; these dates would be professional days. She said the Board of Commissioner's next meeting will be October 3, 2023.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wallace welcomed everyone. DCS has one week under its belt, and we are off to a good start. Mr. Wallace commended the DCS staff for all the planning that occurred during the summer to ensure a smooth opening. He thanked the parents for partnering with the staff. DCS has a commitment to improve 1% every day, and we could not do it without parents. Superintendent Wallace discussed the recent DCS opening convocation. Tina Boogren, convocation guest speaker, spoke about balancing work and home life. Mr. Wallace Jenn Lynde and her staff for all the planning for this event. Mr. Wallace thanked Brian Nicolay with Flow Automotive for his continued support for our students and staff.

Superintendent Wallace congratulated Will Marrs, DCS Teacher of the Year. Mr. Wallace thanked Jinda Haynes and her staff for filling positions before the start of the school year.

Mr. Wallace thanked the parents for supporting the Clear Bag policy at athletic contests and large assemblies on school campuses.

Mr. Wallace said that Davie County struggles with having enough childcare facilities. He commended Peggy Nuckolls for creating two new preschool classrooms. There are now 15 classes and 252 children. As of Friday, September 1, 2023, enrollment was at 5997; 6086 students had been the projected number.

The next board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023, will be held at the Mebane Education Center. The Human Resources and Finance teams will move into MEC the week of September 18, 2023. An Open House will be held at MEC later this fall. Mr. Wallace thanked the Board of Education for their support.

Recognitions

Cherri White recognized the Governor's School attendees. All three students attend Davie County High School. They are nominated and selected and invited by the State to attend according to their discipline.

- Dylan Hanes – Natural Science.
- Spencer Melton – Social Science.
- Silas Marion – Instrumental Music (Trombone)

Students attended Governor's School for four weeks at either Winston-Salem State University or Meredith College.

Cherri White and John Marshall presented the staff who completed the AIG Local Endorsements. This course certifies teachers to teach gifted students. The recipients are as follows: Alexandria Vavrousek, Marsha McKnight, Destiny Percy, Laura Doub, Carl Wagstaff, Leigha Wilson, William Hockaday, Julie Snow, Kristi Martin, Joey Davis, and Shannon Patton.

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Consent Agenda

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

Business Items

Superintendent Wallace thanked the Board of Education for their working through the proposed spring NCSBA policy updates. Paul Drechsler made the motion to approve the updated policies. Cammie Webb seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Committee/Staff Reports

Jennifer Lynde and the Summer Programs Directors presented a summary of the six programs that were offered over the summer. Mrs. Lynde thanked the departments who worked behind the scenes – Child Nutrition, Finance, Human Resources, Technology, Custodial, and Transportation. The programs were funded by local, state, and federal funds; there were 85 staff members and 477 students who participated.

Six school-based kinder camps, with the help of the Mebane Foundation, participated in the Read to Achieve program from June 26 – July 20, 2023. Twelve students showed proficiency. Ten interns assisted, and more than likely will be future teachers.

Fifth and sixth graders attended the AIG “Camp Discovery.” High school STEM students and teachers worked this camp. Mrs. Lynde thanked Cherri White for orchestrating this program.

Bridge Camp aided students who are transitioning either to middle school or high school. Nineteen rising sixth graders attended; fifteen rising ninth graders attended. Not only do the students get a feel for the school and classroom locations, but they also enjoy career day, college visits, and exposure to available CTE classes.

Credit Recovery is a high school program that aids students in obtaining missing credits they need to be able to be promoted to their next grade level. Twenty-five staff members teach the classes. Eighty-nine out of 229 invited students attended; 186 credits were earned, and 31 students were promoted.

STEM Pipeline Camp, paid by the Davie Community Foundation, allowed thirty-seven rising seventh and eighth grade students to learn about scale-ratio proportions by designing a house. They built six playhouses that they later donated to the preschools.

EC Camp was for grades K-12 for three weeks. Twenty-one students and sixteen staff attended. There were good connections, and many students were able to reconnect after not seeing each other for a while.

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There were thirty-two paid summer interns working with fifteen local business partners. The students received course credit and had to do projects, journals, and even timesheets.

Marie Helms asked Mrs. Lynde how they advertise their programs. Mrs. Lynde said teachers identify students for the various programs. Mrs. Helms thanked her for the great programs; she commented on that the energy is great to see and loved how the programs vary from EC to STEM.

Public Address to the Board

None

Adjourn

Dub Potts made the motion to adjourn with a second from Con Shelton. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Wendy Horne, Chair



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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Approved: