

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

The Davie County Board of Education met at 4:00 p.m., August 1, 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

Open Session

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

Mrs. Horne offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dub Potts made the motion to adopt the agenda. Joe Caudle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. Dub Potts mentioned that the minutes from June 11, 2023 had an incorrect header date, so they would be voting on the minutes with that amendment. Dub Potts made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler, to approve the minutes with the amended dates from the Tuesday, July 11, 2023, regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Report

Mrs. Horne mentioned that the start of school was coming rapidly. Some important dates are that Early College starts on August 3, 2023 and schools start August 28, 2023.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wallace welcomed everyone. He informed the group that Davie County Schools' former superintendent and sitting president of DDCC, Darrin Hartness, passed away. Superintendent Wallace asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Hartness.

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Mr. Wallace said that Early College starts this Thursday, August 3, 2023. Last week the Administrator's Retreat was held at zMax Dragway in Concord, NC. He commended the Curriculum Team, Jenn Lynde, Misty Hutchens, and Sharon Payne for all the preparation. The focus was "Continuous Improvement." The goal is to improve 1% every day. Next week there will be a safety team meeting led by our lead SRO, Justin Stutts. Superintendent Wallace shared that a clear bag policy for all athletic events and large assemblies will be adopted. The Curriculum Department, Virtual School, and Student Services moved into the Mebane Education Center. The Finance and HR departments have moved into the Mebane Education Center soon. The final electrical panel for the air conditioning will ship tomorrow. Currently the enrollment for this school year is 5,997. This is a good number and close to the projected enrollment number of 6,086. Mr. Wallace commended the people who participated in the All-America County – another good thing happening here in our schools and community. We are ready to start the school year.

Recognitions

Anthony Davis commended the All-America County Team. He thanked Ken Gamble, Mocksville's Town Manager, who really made this competition possible. Mr. Davis said this team was student-led. The students came up with the content; the staff coached and gave the students guidance. Student Sean Lane, who participated in the All-America County, said the experience was a once in a lifetime event and enjoyed getting to interact with other communities. Students actively support and participate in organizations like Ignite Davie, Davie Works, and SURF Board. Mrs. Alyse Wooldridge had the privilege talking with Mr. Ken Gamble, Mocksville Town Manager, about the CTE program and sharing more about the organizations here in Davie County. A video of the presentation of the Denver, CO competition was shown.

Coach Tim Devericks, Athletic Director of Davie County High School, thanked the board members for allowing him to speak about the team's effort to bring awareness to the horrible disease of lung cancer. He said he had two words for the recognition: Legacy and Love. Carter Helton, Davie County High School student, and grandson to the late Col. Terry Hales (a former DCS BOE member), asked Coach Devericks if he could get the football team together to help spread awareness about lung cancer by making white awareness ribbons. Mr. Devericks saw Carter's vision and supported his efforts. The football team and CTE students worked together during camp to cut, sand, paint, and sign the wooden ribbons; they then delivered the ribbons to lung cancer patients at Baptist Hospital. NFL player Chris Draft came to the camp. Lowe's Hardware donated much of the wood when they learned what Carter was doing. Carter Helton said he found his purpose and passion to spread awareness about lung cancer. So far, Carter has made 60 ribbons.

Consent Agenda

Jinda Haynes informed the board members that there has been an addendum to the Personnel Report. Paul Drechsler made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the Personnel Addendum. Con Shelton seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Business Items

Mr. Wallace recommended to approve Polices 2310 and 2330 updates. Paul Drechsler commented that Mr. Potts had brought up concerns that were addressed, and this satisfied Mr. Drechsler's questions.

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Dub Potts made the motion to approve Policies 2310 and 2330 updates. Cammie Webb seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Committee/Staff Reports

Mr. Wallace presented the NCSBA Spring Policy Updates for the board members to review. The Board will be asked to vote on the updates at the next board meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Dub Potts asked if they could get a copy of the mark-ups so they know what is newly added or removed. Mr. Wallace asked Mrs. Stuart to send these documents to the board members for their review.

Public Address to the Board

Brian Barnett, County Manager, wanted to speak at this meeting, because it marked his one year for being in office. His first two phone calls on the job were from Dr. Hartness and Mr. Wallace. He has appreciated the guidance and support from Mr. Wallace.

Closed Session

Madam Chair called for a motion at 5:00 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.

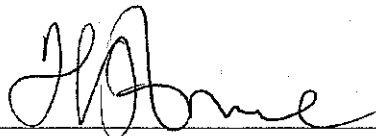
Joe Caudle made the motion to go into closed session, seconded by Cammie Webb; the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:00 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Marie Helms made the motion to return to open session, seconded by Con Shelton; the motion carried 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 5:54 p.m. Mr. Wallace shared an update on the tennis court repairs at DCHS and NDMS.

Adjourn

Paul Drechsler made the motion to adjourn. Joe Caudle seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Wendy Horne, Chair



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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