

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

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2023, in the Board Room at the DCS District Office Mebane Education Center, 1200 Salisbury 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 (*attended closed session only*)
Jill Wilson, Board Attorney
Clay Harris, Chief Operations Officer
Carol Stuart, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Absent:

Jennifer Lynde, Chief Academic Officer

Closed Session

Chair Wendy Horne called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. Paul Drechsler made the motion to adopt the agenda for December 5, 2023. Joe Caudle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Chair Horne 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. Cammie Webb made the motion, seconded by Dub Potts; the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:14 p.m.

Open Session

Chair Horne reconvened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and offered the invocation. Mrs. Horne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marie Helms made the motion, seconded by Cammie Webb, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, November 7, 2023, regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

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Reorganization of the Board of Education:

School Attorney Jill Wilson led the Board through the nomination process for the new year. Wendy Horne nominated Dub Potts for the new Board Chair. All were in favor 7-0. Since attorney Jill Wilson was present, she asked for nominations for the new vice-chair. Paul Drechsler nominated Marie Helms for the new Vice-Chair. All were in favor 7-0.

Board Report

Chair Potts mentioned that the Important Dates were listed. Mr. Potts announced there would be a brief break as parents and families departed.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wallace thanked Wendy Horne for her service as the Board Chair. He congratulated Dub Potts and Marie Helms. The district office had a successful Open House here at the Mebane Education Center. We had over 100 people come, including, former students and educators. Last week, Superintendent Wallace had a good meeting with Senator Steve Jarvis, who came for a visit.

Yesterday 1,800 students attended a pep rally to celebrate North Carolina's State Teacher of the Year, where it was announced that Will Marrs was selected as the Regional Teacher of the Year for the Piedmont Triad. Mr. Marrs will be recognized at next month's board meeting. He will compete with eight other regional teachers of the year.

The Safety Team had two walk-throughs at the school evacuation sites that are confidential. DCS filed for the \$500,000 safety grant. He commends Jinda Haynes and Jennifer Custer for their work on this. The Technology Team is doing audits with the burglar system. The third month attendance PMR wraps up next week, so it will be presented at our next board meeting. Mr. Wallace commended Mr. Spillman for doing a great job working on the punch list for the Mebane Education Center.

Mr. Wallace enjoys this time of year because of the time together and the value of giving. He wishes all a Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Recognitions

Collin Ferebee presented the award to Davie County High School's Women's Tennis Team. He was glad to be back in front of the Board for a third year in a row. In the last seven years, the women's tennis team has won five conference championships. He is proud of the girls, who are on the honor roll, are respectful and never have behavior issues. Mr. Ferebee gave special recognition to the All-Conference players – Elliot Newsome, Corbin Drum, Bailey Aderhold, and Leah Gibson.

Cindy Stone introduced Ben Baity, who presented the South Davie Middle School Boy's Tennis Team. Ben Baity said he was proud to have his team be part of the new athletic conference. The team was undefeated, 8 and 0. He is very proud of their accomplishments.

Superintendent Wallace presented the Christmas/Holiday Card competition. He mentioned how impressed he was with the amazing artwork submitted by the students. He congratulated all the students and thanked the art teachers for their work.

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Consent Agenda

Superintendent introduced Mackenzie Ratledge, the new Preschool Director. She is a Davie County resident. She has children at William R. Davie; she has twenty years of experience, including seven years of experience as the YMCA Director, currently serving as an adjunct instructor at Mitchell Community College and Assistant Professor and Director of the Child Care Education Program at UNC Greensboro.

Chair Potts asked for a motion for the Consent Agenda to be approved as presented. Wendy Horne made the motion, and Paul Drechsler seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Business Items

Superintendent brought up that the Davie County High School's graduation date was usually determined in March, because the potential for bad weather and school make-up days; however, there is a buffer of a few days in the school calendar, and we want to accommodate and set the date sooner. Superintendent Wallace proposed that Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the War Eagle Stadium be the graduation date for DCHS. Cammie Webb made the motion; Con Shelton seconded the motion. Marie Helms asked why the graduation date could not be the Saturday before. Mr. Wallace explained that DCS cannot do that, because statute states you cannot graduate before the last day of school. The calendar laws dictate what we can do – fit 215 days and holidays into the calendar. The motion carried 7-0.

The budget resolution was presented by Clay Harris. No changes have been made since the recent work sessions. Paul Drechsler made a motion to approve the budget resolution. Wendy Horne seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Erin Foil presented the 2024-2025 School Calendar for Jinda Haynes. The Calendar Committee met twice, with representatives from every school, parents, and the Board of Education. There are many constraints in building the calendar. The first day has to be the closest to August 26th; the last day has to be closest to June 11th and total 180 days or 1025 hours. There are fourteen professional days, and there are eleven holidays. Teachers' contracts have to total 215 days, and staff have work days for professional development. Early release days have been very beneficial for the staff. The committee drafts two calendars that will be given to staff tomorrow on which to vote, and then next month we will present the BOE with the desired option. Paul Drechsler asked if there is too much time after the holiday for semester-end testing. Erin said no, that there are only 5 days with each option. Chair Potts said there is no such thing as a perfect calendar; each school has items to consider. Mr. Potts thanked Jinda, Erin, and others who worked on the calendars. The calendar options will be presented for a recommendation at the next scheduled board meeting. Marie Helms asked when graduation could be held. Erin confirmed that graduation has to be after the last student day but not the last teacher day.

Lori Dingler presented the annual nursing updates. She thanked Wendy Horne for serving as Chair, and that she appreciated her support. Mrs. Dingler congratulated Dub Potts and Marie Helms in their new roles. Nurses are required to submit a report to the state at the end of the year. During the last school year, 22,503 students were seen by a nurse, and 20,091 were sent back to class. 490 staff members had received care. 893 students received medications. 2,669 students had chronic health conditions. 71 students were in the Case Management Program – staff, students, physicians. Twenty-five diabetic students were monitored. There were 598 students who received health counseling sessions, including vaping or suicidal tendency. Forty-eight students had doctor orders. There were 156 injuries that required EMS or immediate care from a doctor. 3,564 received vision screenings. Vision/Hearing screenings are back on schedule, and they then secure vision care for students before EOGs begin. Mr. Drechsler asked why glasses weren't obtained more quickly; Mrs. Dingler explained that they process required health

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assessments that are required within a certain timeframe once school starts, and then proceed to taking care of vision issues.

Committee/Staff Reports


None

Public Address to the Board

None

Adjourn

Paul Drechsler wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Marie Helms made the motion to adjourn, with a second from Paul Drechsler. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



W.G. Potts, Chair



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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