

**MINUTES**  
**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Rescheduled from Tuesday, January 9, 2024, to Thursday, January 11, 2024**

*The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024, in the Board Room at the DCS District Office Mebane Education Center, 1200 Salisbury Road, Mocksville, NC 27028.*

Board Members Present:

W.G. "Dub" Potts, Chair  
Marie Helms, Vice-Chair  
Joe Caudle  
Paul Drechsler  
Wendy Horne  
Con Shelton  
Cammie Webb

Staff Present:

Jeff Wallace, 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:

Jinda Haynes, Assistant Superintendent

**Closed Session**

Chair W.G. Potts called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Paul Drechsler made the motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, which was rescheduled from Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Joe Caudle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Chair Potts 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 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Cammie Webb made the motion, seconded by Marie Helms; the motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:16 p.m. Paul Drechsler made the motion to return to Open Session; Wendy Horne seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 at 5:46 p.m.

**Open Session**

Chair Potts reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and offered the invocation. Mr. Potts thanked the Board for adjusting their schedule to attend the rescheduled board meeting due to the weather. He asked Joe Caudle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Potts stated that because the board meeting had to be rescheduled this week, it was decided to postpone recognitions until next month.

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Con Shelton made the motion, seconded by Joe Caudle, to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on Friday, December 1, 2023, and the regular Board of Education meeting held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

## **Board Report**

Chair Potts reminded everyone that Monday, January 15, 2024 was a holiday. He mentioned that the DCS Spelling Bee is scheduled for February 8, 2024, and is a wonderful event to attend.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Wallace welcomed that staff. He recognized Mackenzie Ratledge and Valerie Feezor. He thanked the staff for all the support to make the decision about closing early on Tuesday due to the weather. He acknowledged the Board for National Board of Education Month; gifts of appreciation were given to the board members. Superintendent Wallace talked about attendance PMR 93.29%. ESSER III funding sunsets in September 2024. Superintendent Wallace and Mrs. Lynde will continue to meet with and discuss budget and staffing options with instructional coaches and principals over the next month.

Superintendent Wallace shared that Ignite Davie met the \$3,000,000 endowment goal that will provide funding for students to attend DDCC in the future. The graduation rate increased again this year, and enrollment at DDCC increased.

He thanked the board for all their support.

## **Recognitions**

Postponed to next month.

## **Consent Agenda**

Chair Potts asked for a motion to approve the Consent items. Marie Helms asked Mr. Harris for clarification on the financial item listed under MEC. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Joe Caudle, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 7- 0.

## **Business Items**

Chair Potts brought up the recommendation to approve Calendar Option 2, as two calendar options were presented last month. Wendy Horne made the motion to approve the calendar; Cammie Webb seconded the motion. Chair Potts asked if there were any comments. Marie Helms stated that she still believes the school calendar should be determined by the district and not the state, and she will continue to write to the state with her petition. Chair Potts thanked her for her comment. Chair Potts asked Valerie Feezor, who was present for questions, what kind of response there was to the options. 133 employees voted for Calendar Option 1; 382 employees voted for Calendar Option 2; 515 total employees voted. Chair Potts asked for a vote on Calendar Option 2. The vote carried 7-0.

Superintendent Wallace posed a recommendation to approve Tuesday, May 21, 2024 as the Davie County Early College High School graduation date at 6:00 p.m. at the Davie County High School Auditorium. Marie Helms made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler, to approve this date. The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Wallace recommended the Board approve the updated Policies 1310, 3540, 4720, and 7300. Chair Potts explained that while normally the Board would have a month to review updated policies; however, these policies go into effect immediately, aligning with the state statutes. Mr.

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Wallace stated these policies were to go into effect in August 2023, but Legislators gave an extension to January 2024. Attorney Jill Wilson added that the policies had been mandated before the school district could even approve them. She said the State Board may come out with different guidelines that would then need to be approved. She stated she will be providing training to DCS staff on January 23, 2024. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to approve the updated policies. The motion carried 7-0.

**Committee/Staff Reports**

Superintendent Wallace asked the Board to review the Fall Policy updates. They will be asked to vote on these policies at the February 6, 2024, meeting.

**Public Address to the Board**

None

**Adjourn**

Marie Helms made the motion to adjourn with a second from Wendy Horne. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



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W.G. Potts, Chair



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Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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