

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

The Davie County Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 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 – arrived at 5:17 p.m. after the meeting had started

Staff Present:

Jeff Wallace, Superintendent

Jinda Haynes, Assistant Superintendent

Jill Wilson, Board Attorney

Clay Harris, Chief Operations Officer

Carol Stuart, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Absent:

Cammie Webb, BOE

Jennifer Lynde, Chief Academic Officer

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 Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Joe Caudle seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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 to discuss student concerns made confidential by General Statutes, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Wendy Horne made the motion, seconded by Joe Caudle; the motion carried 5-0. The Board went into closed session at 5:17 p.m. Mr. Shelton arrived in time to go into closed session.

Open Session

Chair Potts reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and asked Paul Drechsler to offer the invocation. Mr. Joe Caudle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Joe Caudle, to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 11, 2024, rescheduled regular Board of Education meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Board Report

Chair Potts reviewed the important dates, reminding everyone that the next board meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, instead of Tuesday because of elections being held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wallace welcomed the staff, students, and parents. Mr. Wallace congratulated the DCHS wrestling team for winning the state championship. The team will be recognized at the board meeting next month. Mr. Wallace also informed everyone that the DCHS cheer team has another state championship and will be recognized at next month's board meeting.

This week is School Counselors Week. He thanked the counselors for all they do for the students. DCS was awarded a \$475,000 school safety grant. Jinda Haynes worked hard on that grant. DCS was awarded the Golden Leaf grant of \$1,500,000 dollars that will support the expansion of the CTE program by adding a manufacturing lab at DCHS. The attendance rate is 93.47%.

Recognitions

William Ellis Middle School Girls' Basketball team was recognized for their Conference Championship and their undefeated season. Athletic Director Marc Sweet commended them for their hard work. Principal Casey Morrison praised coaches Jeff and Susan Jones for their dedication to the team and for demonstrating genuine care and investment in the girls.

Principal Cindy Stone and athletic director Ben Baity recognized the South Davie Middle School Men's Basketball team for earning the West Division Championship with an undefeated regular season.

Principal Bryant Copeland and chorus teacher Jennifer Wooten recognized Charlesten Haynes for being a selected member of the 2023 North Carolina Middle School Honors Chorus.

Chorus teacher Brittany Darst recognized Aiden Davis for being named a selected member of the 2023 North Carolina Honors Chorus. Annabelle Trivette was a selected member of the 2023 11-12 All-Carolina Select Choir at Wingate University.

Anthony Davis recognized teacher Melissa Sparks for winning first place, with the highest score out of 197 Health Science Educators, in the National Health Science Assessment at the National Conference for Health Science Educators. Ms. Sparks was also elected as the President Elect of the National Health Science Educators Association.

Jinda Haynes recognized Will Marris, Engineering and Drafting teacher at Davie County High School. Will Marris was announced as the Piedmont Triad Regional Teacher of the Year at the high school's pep rally in front of his peers and students on December 4, 2023. Mr. Marris is the first Regional Teacher from DCS. After being named District Teacher of the Year, Mr. Marris competed against other teachers from across the region. He will compete for the 2024 North Carolina Teacher of the Year, and on April 5, 2024, a winner will be announced. Mr. Pruitt, principal of Davie County High School, acknowledged Will's strong work ethic, his desire to see students succeed, and his willingness to help others.

Will Marris thanked everyone and said he never imagined doing this. He has great role models from his family. He loves what he does, and it is an honor to be a part of DCS.

Chair Potts joined in on honoring Will Marris, sharing his congratulations and appreciation for Mr. Marris.

Anthony Davis mentioned how Will Marris embodies the mission of CTE and gets students ready for careers. Internships have risen from twenty-two in 2021-22 to fifty-nine in 2023-24. Three years ago, Alyse Wooldridge began working on increasing the number of work-based opportunities for students. Last summer, they had thirty-two paid summer internships with fifteen local business partners. Alyse uses her Davie County background to make so many connections. Mr. Marris spoke about giving students opportunities that he wished he had growing up. Mr. Davis thanked Avgol for partnering with DCS. Jaydon Leonard, a junior at the high school, designed and made a part for Avgol's exhaust system using a 3D printer at DCHS. DCS was awarded a \$1.5 million Golden Leaf grant to support construction of lab space for drafting, engineering, and manufacturing design. Sandie Hinkle, Alyse Wooldridge, Anthony Davis, and Will Marris contributed in writing this grant.

Chair Potts asked Wendy Horne to make comments about the High Reliability Schools conference she attended with eighteen DCS staff, including administrators, teachers, board members, and the superintendent. She commented about how fortunate we are to have staff there learning, participating, and collaborating together. She walked away impressed with the program and proud of the DCS staff. There were over seven hundred participants at the High Reliability Schools conference.

Consent Agenda

Chair Potts asked for a motion to approve the Consent items. Jinda Haynes asked to remind the Board of the addendum to the agenda. Chair Potts asked for a motion with the addendum included

for the Consent Agenda to be approved. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to approve the consent items as presented.

Mrs. Haynes interrupted to say that the addendum included the newly named Principal of the Davie County Early College High School and the Virtual School, Mr. Sam Brown. Mr. Brown has been assistant principal at William R. Davie since October 2019, and previously served as assistant principal at Cooleemee from 2016-2019. He started his teaching career at Stokes County Early College High School and brings seven years of Early College experience to this new role. Mr. Brown attended the PTEC Aspiring Principals Academy, Leadership Davie Class in 2020, and was Davie County Schools' AP of the Year in 2020/2021. He earned his Master in School Administration from Appalachian State University, and his Bachelor of Arts-English (Secondary Education) from UNC-Greensboro.

The motion carried 6-0.

Business Items

Marie Helms made a motion to approve the fall policy updates; Wendy Horne seconded the motion. Paul Drechsler asked if policies are usually just revisions. Superintendent Wallace verified that state statutes are reviewed by the School Board Association; sometimes there are just refinements to policies. The motion carried 6-0.

Committee/Staff Reports

Jinda Haynes reminded the Board that the DCS calendar was approved last month. This month the Early College High School calendar is being presented for review. There is flexibility in their dates; it not only aligns with the DDCC calendar, but it also aligns with the DCS traditional calendars with shared Professional Development days. Mrs. Haynes informed the Board the calendar will be recommended for approval next month.

Jeff Wallace spoke about how Brooke Suiter Rothwell approached DCS with a request to consider naming a facility after her late father, Julius Suiter. A Facility Naming Committee was formed to consider the request. Committee recommended that Central Davie Education Center be renamed the DCS Julius Suiter Education Center. Mr. Wallace thanked Ms. Rothwell for attending and the naming committee for their help. The board will vote on the recommendation at the next meeting.

Superintendent Wallace presented budget information that he shared at the Board of Commissioners budget work session last month.

Superintendent Wallace summarized the many things happening in Davie County Schools, stressing the point that everything we do matters and it's what separates us from others. He shared there are fourteen ESSER positions that must be addressed. The leadership team will be discussing this with Principals on Thursday and informing Instructional Coaches afterwards; we hope to be

able to retain most of the positions. Costs for both hiring and retirement have increased. Vacancy report on Day 1 and Day 40. Day 1: 26 teacher vacancies – covered by sub, retiree, adding to licensure. What can we do to get more teachers? Take care of our own teachers. Our sixth-grade math score was ranked 7th in NC. We have 1-to-1 Chromebooks assigned to students in grades 6-12. The CTE Graduation Rate is 98.4 percent. We need to get our kids connected, and they will graduate.

Mr. Potts thanked Mr. Wallace and Mr. Harris for all their work.

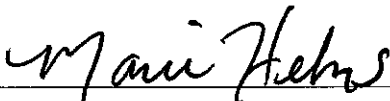
Public Address to the Board

No one signed up.

Adjourn

Paul acknowledged our two guests, Ms. Brooke Rothwell and Mr. Simmons. Marie Helms thanked everyone for all they are doing, that the Board appreciates everyone. She said she is grateful to have her kids in the district and to be a part of this district.

Marie Helms made the motion to adjourn, with a second from Joe Caudle. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Marie Helms vice ~~W.G. Potts, Chair~~
Chair



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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Approved: ✓