

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, July 2, 2024

The Davie County Board of Education met at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 2, 2024, in the Boardroom 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
Jinda Haynes, Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Lynde, Chief Academic Officer
Elizabeth Troutman, Board Attorney
Clay Harris, Chief Operations Officer
Carol Stuart, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Absent:

None

Open Session

Chair Potts called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Paul Drechsler made the motion to adopt the agenda for Tuesday, July 2, 2024. Joe Caudle seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Chair Potts offered the invocation. Joe Caudle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 4, 2024, regular Board of Education meeting, as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Board Report

Chair Potts asked board members to refer to the packet for important dates. He made mention that the December board meeting was now going to be at the Mebane Education Center, along with the other meetings.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wallace welcomed everyone. Mr. Wallace congratulated Anthony Davis who was sworn in last night at Yadkin County Schools' board meeting as their superintendent. The State Superintendent's quarterly meeting was last week. He officially welcomed George Sulecki, David Koontz, Jeremy Whitaker, and Cheryl Reeves. Mary Foster was announced as the new principal for CDA and overseer of safety, and Michael Osborne was announced as the new principal at MES. Mr. Osborne has nineteen years of experience, which includes being an administrator at middle and elementary schools and the lead of a charter school.

The district team and principals have actively planned for next year and the start of school. Valerie Feezor is working through the preliminary student performance data with the principals. The administrator's Retreat is scheduled for July 23rd and 24th. Six thousand students went home on June 11th; however, there are still six hundred students actively participating in Credit Recovery, Bridge Camp, Exceptional Children's Camp, Camp Discovery, Read to Achieve, and Kinder Camp. The YMCA is serving ninety students. Summer meals are served at thirty-two sites for lunch. MEC and CES serve breakfast and lunch for 18-year-olds and younger. Staff met with Davis Signs to create signs for the DCS Julius Suiter Education Center. There will be a grand opening in the near future. PMR rate was 93.25%.

Superintendent Wallace said he regularly walks through the building, thanking the employees for their hard work. He hoped everyone could enjoy time to relax this summer.

Chair Potts asked how Kinder Camp is funded. Jenn Lynde informed him that the Mebane Foundation pays \$18,000 for six camps. Mr. Potts then asked about Bridge Camp; Jenn Lynde told him that Bridge Camp is paid by federal funds supporting select students who need help with transitioning into Middle or High School.

Recognitions

None

Consent Agenda

Cammie Webb made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Marie Helms seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Business Items

Mackenzie Ratledge recommended increasing the preschool tuition rate for the start of the 2024–25 school year. Con Shelton made the motion to approve this increase. Wendy Horne seconded the motion. Mr. Drechsler appreciated Mrs. Ratledge's diligent work to crunch the numbers and work hard to keep the price low. The motion carried 7-0.

Jeremy Whitaker presented information regarding the custodial services at Davie County High School. The staff received eight bids for the contract: Supreme Maintenance Organization, The Budd Group, Triad Cleaning Crew, HES Facilities, Service Master Clean, ATS Facility Services, Interstate Maintenance, and The DM Burr Group. Mr. Whitaker is recommending a vote to contract for one year with the Supreme Maintenance Organization at a cost of \$470,792.64. Paul Drechsler made the motion to approve this contract. Con Shelton seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Jeremy Whitaker presented information about the HVAC rooftop replacement project for Mocksville Elementary School that was approved in the 2023–24 capital outlay budget. Four companies expressed interest in the project, but only three submitted a bid. Staff recommends contracting with Pilot Mechanical at a cost of \$421,992.00. Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to approve this contract. Mr. Drechsler made note that only three companies placed a bid, but four companies attended the pre-bid meeting. Mr. Whitaker confirmed that this company did not submit a bid by the 2:00 p.m. deadline. The motion carried 7-0.

Karen Jarvis recommended approving the changes made to Policy 5015 regarding our school volunteers. This is a result of the work we are doing to update our volunteer program, streamline our system, and clarify the levels and roles that volunteers have. Joe Caudle made a motion to approve the policy changes, seconded by Wendy Horne. The motion carried 7-0.

Committee/Staff Report

Superintendent Wallace reminded the Board that most spring policies were provided with their suggested updates. Some policies have not been submitted yet because they pertain to graduation requirements. There is nothing major, but it does take time to process the policy changes. He asked the Board to review the marked up copies. He said he will recommend approving these updates at the next board meeting.

Public Address to the Board

Elizabeth Troutman informed the Board that no one signed up for public comment.


Closed Session

Chair Potts called for a motion to go into closed session at 4:29 p.m. Cammie Webb made the motion, seconded by Con Shelton, to go into closed session. The motion carried 7-0. Chair Potts reiterated that they were going 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 Con Shelton, to go into closed session. The motion carried 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 4:30 p.m.

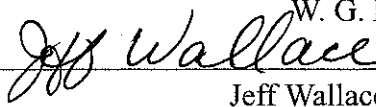
The Board returned to open session at 5:20 p.m.

Adjourn

Con Shelton made the motion to adjourn, with a second from Joe Caudle. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



W. G. Potts, Chair



Jeff Wallace, Secretary

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