

**Minutes of the Davie County Board of Education Regular Meeting, Monday, March 9, 2009\* at 6:00 pm at Central Davie Education Center, 220 Campbell Road, Mocksville, NC. [\*Regular meeting date of March 2, 2009 was cancelled due to inclement weather].**

Present: Mrs. Linda Barnette, Mr. Rick Ellis, Mr. Chad Fuller, Mr. Carl Lambert, Mrs. Barbara Owens and Mr. Terry Renegar

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**II. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Ellis offered the invocation.

Lynn Hicks Byerly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Ellis welcomed everyone and announced that he would have to exit the meeting early.

**III. Adopt Agenda/Approve Minutes**

Mr. Lambert made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Owens, to amend the agenda to add a second business item which will be a school calendar revision. This will become Business Item #1 and the Graduation Date will become Business Item #2. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Lambert made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Barnette to adopt the amended agenda and approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Personnel & Curriculum Committee Meeting, the January 26, 2009 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting, the January 29, 2009 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting, the February 2, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, the February 23, 2009 Personnel and Curriculum Committee Meeting and the February 23, 2009 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

**IV. Recognition of Guests and Staff [Mr. Bill Campbell]**

The following students and staff were recognized for their accomplishments:

1. Shady Grove Elementary News Show [Mrs. Maureen Gildein]
2. DCS Spelling Bee Winners [Mrs. Linda Dorsett]
3. Character Education – Davie High School [Mr. Jeff Wallace]
4. All-District Band and Carolina Band [Mr. Andrew Jameson]
5. SMART Exemplary Educator: Diane Ireland [Mr. Rex Allen]
6. Stars of the Year
  - a. 2008-2009 DCS CN Manager of the Year: Dave Salmon [Mrs. Daughn Baker]
  - b. 2008-2009 DCN CN Person of the Year: Frances Hepler [Mrs. Daughn Baker]
7. “Going the Extra Mile” Award: Christina Myers [Mrs. Brenda Ziglar]

**V. Recess**

A recess was called at 6:42 pm and the meeting called back to order at 6:50 pm.

**VI. Public Address to the Board**

Counselor Punger reviewed the rules regarding addressing the Board. Dr. Prillaman spoke of his concerns regarding talk of a new high school and how the County would be pay for it. He inquired about the status of Dr. Landry’s idea of realignment and a new elementary

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school and why the Board was not listening to the Superintendent they hired. He requested that the Board be proactive and not reactive and that information about plans that the Board is making be published in the newspaper.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

**1. Budget Amendments [Mrs. Deborah Smink]**

State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund and Capital Outlay Fund budget amendments were presented for approval. These amendments represent adjustments based on actual revenues and expenses.

**2. Personnel Recommendations [Mrs. Candy Poplin]**

Personnel recommendations were submitted for Board approval for employment; leaves of absence, resignation or transfer and substitutes. Information on employees eligible for career contracts is provided for the Board's information.

Mr. Lambert made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Barnette to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

**VIII. Business Item**

**1. School Calendar Revision [Dr. Robert Landry]**

Due to inclement weather, the school calendar had to be revisited. Staff studied the pros and cons of different scenarios following the General Statutes regarding school calendars. By current law, days missed must be rescheduled. Dr. Landry reported staff felt the Memorial Day holiday and spring break should be protected. His recommendation was that June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> be student make up days for the two days missed due to inclement weather.

Mrs. Owens made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fuller to adopt the school calendar revisions as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried 5-0.

**2. Graduation Date [Dr. Robert Landry]**

Dr. Landry advised the Board that he was prepared on March 2<sup>nd</sup> [regular Board meeting] to recommend the graduation date of June 5<sup>th</sup>. The snow, however, had changed that recommendation. He recommended that graduation be held on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in War Eagle Stadium with a rain date of June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Mr. Lambert made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Barnette, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for a June 9<sup>th</sup> graduation date. The motion passed 5-0.

**IX. Committee/Staff Reports**

**1. Student Services [Mrs. Kim Harmon]**

Mrs. Kim Harmon reviewed information on the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) mini grant, the Healthy Nutrition Media Contest and the BMI Project.

**2. Curriculum/Special Projects [Dr. Linda Bost]**

Dr. Linda Bost gave a Mebane Masters Program Update. She reported that Davie County Schools hosted North Carolina's first SMART User Group meeting at Davie High. An article which appeared in the *Scholastic Administrator* was provided to the Board. Davie County Schools is receiving national attention and Mr. Rooney and Dr. Bost will be interviewed for an article in *Education Week* in regard to SMART technologies and everything we are doing in Davie County Schools.

**3. Finance [Mrs. Deborah Smink]**

Mrs. Smink provided updates on the FY09-10 Local Current Expense Budget and the FY09-10 State Public School Fund Budget to the Board. She highlighted recent legislative updates from the Governor and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Package). Based on recent state lottery quarterly revenues for FY08-09, Mrs. Smink estimates that Davie County Schools will lose \$200,000 in funding. The Department of Public Instruction released a summary of options for public school budget cuts of 3%, 5% and 7% for FY09-10 as directed by the Office of State Budget and Management. Just about every state program is hit by these scenarios. The scenarios can be found at [www.ncpublicschools.fbs.org/](http://www.ncpublicschools.fbs.org/). She noted that this is for planning purposes

**4. Chairman [Mr. Terry Renegar, Vice-Chair]**

Vice Chairman Renegar highlighted the Boards upcoming meeting on March 12 with the Advisory Councils of Cornatzer, Shady Grove and Ellis at Ellis Middle School and on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Committee Meetings. Mrs. Poplin advised the time of the Retirement Dinner is 7:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm as noted on the calendar.

**5. Superintendent [Dr. Robert Landry]**

Dr. Landry thanked the Technology Staff for their recent work in combating the computer virus which has attacked our system. Mr. Rooney reported that our computers are still infected and at one point 2500 machines were infected within three hours.

Dr. Landry called upon Dr. Linda Bost to give a report on the quality review of the Early College conducted by an independent group of auditors. The Early College did very well scoring 10 points and puts us in good stead for renewal and the continuation of the program. Mrs. Barnette pointed out one of the disadvantages noted in the review was that our facility is too small.

Dr. Landry reported that the staff is busy and traveling a great deal. He and Mrs. Poplin will be in Winston-Salem tomorrow [March 10<sup>th</sup>] working on an undergraduate program for the Teacher Assistants. He reminded the Board that he will be out of the office at the end of March for vacation.

**X. Comments from the Board**

There were none.

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**XI. Closed Session**

Mr. Lambert made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Owens to go into closed session pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) [student information]. The motion carried 5-0.

**XII. Adjourn**

Mr. Lambert made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fuller to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0.

Approved 4/06/09  
Rick Ellis, Chairman

Dr. Robert Landry, Secretary

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