

**MINUTES  
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

The Davie County Board of Education met at 4:45 pm, November 5, 2012, in the Board Room of Central Davie Education Center, 220 Campbell Road, Mocksville, NC.

Board Members Present:

Barbara Owens, Chairwoman  
Chad Fuller, Vice-Chair  
Carol Livengood  
Steve Ridenhour  
Clint Junker  
Paul Drechsler  
Wendy Horne

Others Present:

Dr. Darrin Hartness, Superintendent  
Jill Wilson, Board Attorney  
Jeff Wallace, Assistant Superintendent  
Deborah Smink, Chief Financial Officer  
Noël Grady-Smith, Director of Curriculum  
Jean Brickey, Recording Secretary

Chairwoman Owens called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.

Chad Fuller made the motion, seconded by Carol Livengood, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0 [Steve Ridenhour was not present].

Chairwoman Owens called for the motion to go into closed session pursuant of attorney-client privilege to discuss student matters protected by N.C.G.S.115C-402 and the Family Education Act Right to Privacy. Clint Junker made the motion, seconded by Chad Fuller and the motion carried 6-0. The Board went into closed session at 4:50.

Following closed session, Paul Drechsler made the motion, seconded by Carol Livengood, to recess until 6:00 pm.

The Board reconvened at 6:00 pm. Steve Ridenhour joined the meeting.

Chairwoman Owens offered the invocation and Justin Boardwine from Boy Scout Troop 575 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carol Livengood made the motion, seconded by Chad Fuller, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2012 as presented. Paul Drechsler asked Board members to refer to page 4, ninth paragraph, and fifth sentence of the minutes which reads: "Mr. Drechsler posed questions as to needs presented to the Board in the past and presented information he has researched and feels necessary for the people he is representing." Mr. Drechsler stated he didn't get to finish his thought during that discussion and wished to state for the minutes of this meeting, what would have been the end of that sentence. He stated that instead of just saying "necessary for the people he is representing", he would also like to add, just for thought, "that it is necessary for the people he is representing and for the benefit of the Board Members who will be voting on this issue today". Chairwoman Owens asked Counsel for clarification. Mrs. Wilson stated there was not a motion to amend the minutes. Therefore, Chairwoman Owens called for the vote to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

**Board Report** - Chairwoman Owens stated the Board Meeting was rescheduled to tonight due to voting and encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow, November 6. Chairwoman Owens highlighted Board events to be held in November and December. The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

**Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Hartness reported on items including the Cooleemee Open House for the renovated cafeteria, tour and lunch at Davie County High School, the Chamber of Commerce Gala and the story of Ashley Furniture, presentation of a 2013 Honda Accord by Everhart Honda to Karen Martin, Teacher of the Year, for her use during the year, the Strategic Planning Commission and Plan, televised Board Meetings and BoardDocs. Dr. Hartness encouraged everyone to vote in the election.

**Staff Recognitions**

Jeff Wallace recognized Jennifer Custer, North Davie Middle School, for being selected as the 2012-2013 Davie County Schools' District Principal of the Year.

Melinda Beauchamp, United Way Executive Director, announced and presented the United Way traveling trophy for the 2012 campaign. The award was presented to Todd Naylor and the Transportation Department which had the highest percentage of increase, 367%, over the prior year.

Noël Grady-Smith recognized Jason Carter, Band Teacher at North Davie Middle School, Amanda Inabinet, Band Teacher at William Ellis Middle School and Justin McCrary, Band Teacher at South Davie Middle School, for exceptional service for the Davie County Middle Schools All County Band.

Noël Grady-Smith recognized Stephanie Jamie from Davie High for being a 2013 Special Olympics' World Winter Games Alpine Skiing participant. Stephanie is one of four athletes from NC to compete for TEAM USA in PyeongChang, South Korea for Special Olympics' 2013 World Winter Games.

Jinda Haynes recognized Lester Robinson who was selected to receive a Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF) Promoting Innovation in Science and Mathematics (PRISM) grant in the amount of \$3,000.00. The grant will be awarded to Davie County High School on his behalf for his project titled "After School Aviation Program."

Mr. Thomas Kopetzky presented recognition to Davie County Schools for the 2011 Toys for Tots campaign.

**Consent Agenda**

Finance Officer Deborah Smink instructed Board members to remove pages 21 & 22 from the consent agenda and move them to Business Item VIII-A, following page 32.

**School Improvement Plans** - Each school is required to have a School Improvement Plan which is developed by the School Improvement Team and voted on by the entire faculty of the school. Every three years, each school's plan must be presented to the local Board of Education for its approval and the Board Chair's signature. Plans were submitted for Board review and approval.

**Budget Amendments** - Current Expense Fund, Capital Outlay Fund and Other Special Revenue Fund budget amendments were presented for approval. These amendments represent adjustments based on actual revenues and expenses.

**Personnel Recommendations** - Personnel recommendations were submitted for Board approval for employment and substitutes. Resignations, reassignments and retirements were for information only.

Clint Junker made the motion, seconded by Chad Fuller, to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

**Business Items**

**NDMS & SDMS Roofing Bids** – Deborah Smink presented the roofing bids for North Davie Middle School and South Davie Middle School which were opened October 18, 2012.

The low bid was Professional Roofing Services of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. The total base bid for both roofs is \$476,900 with the addition of alternate #2 to replace existing skylights in the amount of \$10,680. This brings to total bid to \$487,580.

To date, the Board of Education has drawn down lottery funds in the amount of \$200,000 for the North Davie Roof and \$225,000 for the South Davie Roof.

Budget amendments appropriating \$62,580 of Capital Outlay fund balance for the additional amount of the roofing projects were presented for approval.

Wendy Horne made the motion, seconded by Carol Livengood, to award the roofing project to Professional Roofing Services with a base bid and alternate #2 bid in the total amount of \$487,580 and approve the budget amended as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

**Classroom Pod at DCCC** – Dr. Hartness advised the Board that when the Early College High School was first originated, a classroom pod was purchased and set up behind the Davie Campus of DCCC to accommodate. The pod was purchased for approximately \$175,000. Since that time, the Gantt Building has been renovated and expanded, eliminating the need for continued use of the pod. Discussions with the DCCC staff have indicated that DCCC does not have a need for the pod and would like for it to be removed from campus. The removal and set up on another location of this classroom pod would cost between \$70,000 and \$90,000. Staff does not recommend the relocation and continued use of the pod. The pod has served its purpose and staff proposes that the Board declare the pod surplus. The pod would be advertised for sale, and the buyer would be responsible for removal.

Steve Ridenhour made the motion to declare the mobile pod surplus and authorize staff to sell this personal property. Chad Fuller seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

**Review of Qualifications Submitted/Selection of Architect** - Based on the Board's action on October 2, 2012, DCS staff prepared a RFQ, along with legal counsel, and the RFQ for architectural services was advertised and qualifications packages were due on October 19. There were five firms who responded to the RFQ.

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The qualifications were placed in Board members' mailboxes and have been available for review since Monday, October 22, 2012. The Board's responsibility is to review those qualifications and select the firm that demonstrates competence and qualification for the type of services we are requesting without regard to fee or price. All five firms who submitted are North Carolina firms. Once an architect is selected, the Board would then authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with the firm selected.

Steve Ridenhour was concerned about the wording of the RFQ believing that it excluded some firms from submitting RFQ's, especially Little Architectural Consulting. He asked that the RFQ be reworded and put back out to bid. Discussion was held about legalities and liabilities involved with the RFQ and the 2009 high school plans to be revised.

Discussion was held regarding the Board's experience with and confidence in Walter Robbs Callahan and Pierce and their confidence in work done by and recommendations from Little Architectural Consulting.

Discussion was held regarding cost estimates and the difference between revising current plans vs. starting over with new plans.

Chad Fuller made the motion, seconded by Clint Junker, to authorize the Superintendent to begin negotiations for contract with Walter Robbs Callahan and Pierce to review, revise and update the current drawings the Board has.

Chairwoman Owens asked the Board attorney to restate the motion. Jill Wilson stated the motion would be: "To authorize staff and the Board's attorney to enter into negotiations with Walter Robbs Callahan and Pierce to conduct the work on the RFQ and if successful, bring a contract back to the Board for approval."

Steve Ridenhour read a letter from Tom Balke, Little Architectural Consulting, articulating why his firm would not submit an RFQ for this project.

Chairwoman Owens asked the Board Clerk to read the motion on the floor and then called for the vote. The motion carried 6-1, with Steve Ridenhour voting against. The Chairwoman then directed the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to begin negotiations.

**Public Address to the Board** – Tracy Pittman addressed the Board regarding Teacher Career Status. Ms. Pittman is the lead EC teacher at South Davie Middle School and spoke on behalf of Davie County Association of Educators. The State Board of Education has decided to push a bill that had been overturned previously on teacher tenure, teacher due process, and career status of teachers. It is important to the DCAE membership that a process is kept in line so that teachers are evaluated fairly and that there is also some type of repercussions for teachers who continue to actually perform below standard. She urged the Board to go back and look at Senate Bill 466. The State Board of Education had agreed, the North Carolina Association of Educators, the North Carolina School Board Association and the North Carolina Administration Association had all come up with this bill and had agreed on Senate Bill 466, which puts teeth in the law.

**Committee/Staff Reports**

**Redistricting Committee** - Jeff Wallace shared information about a preliminary redistricting proposal. The make up of the Committee and the goals established by the Committee were presented. The goal is to bring the Board a redistricting plan in January or February for approval. Todd Naylor presented redistricting maps.

**Board Comments** – Each Board member gave congratulatory and closing comments. Paul Drechsler stated he had been approached by several members of the community to do research and find out something. He asked the Superintendent and the Chairwoman to go back through information and research the reasoning behind a previous board's decision having to do with Early College student's ability to participate at the high school in extra curricular activities. He would like the Board to revisit that and see if it is an opportunity that can be entered into.

Steve Ridenhour made a motion to adjourn. Paul Drechsler seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The Board adjourned at 7:05 pm.

  
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Barbara Owens, Chairwoman

  
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Dr. Darrin Hartness, Secretary

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Approved: 1-8-13