

**MINUTES**  
**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012**

The Davie County Board of Education met at 4:00 pm, August 7, 2012, in the Board Room of Central Davie Education Center, 220 Campbell Road, Mocksville, NC.

Board Members Present:

Barbara Owens, Chairman  
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, Executive Director Curriculum/Leadership Development  
Jean Brickey, Recording Secretary

Chairwoman Owens called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and offered the invocation. Steve Ridenhour led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Owens announced that the next meeting of the Board would be September 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Chad Fuller made the motion, seconded by Carol Livengood, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Steve Ridenhour made the motion, seconded by Chad Fuller, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 regular meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

**Board Report** – Chairwoman Owens highlighted upcoming events. She recommended the following Board members serve on the Board's three standing committees: Clint Junker and Steve Ridenhour to Budget and Finance; Chad Fuller and Wendy Horne to Buildings and Grounds and Paul Drechsler and Carol Livengood to Personnel and Curriculum. The Chair is an ex-officio member of each committee. At the first scheduled meeting of each committee, a chair will be elected.

**Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Hartness reported a great start for the Early College on August 2; staff is diligently preparing for another successful school year; the redistricting committee is scheduled to meet after school starts and throughout the fall with the goal of developing scenarios for Board approval at the January meeting; the three Board lunches in the schools have been set for North Davie Middle in September, Davie High in October and Cornatzer Elementary in November; the Board will be advised of the date for an Open House at the new Cooleemee Elementary Cafeteria and the strategic planning meeting with Dr. Larry Price has been set for September 5.

Superintendent Hartness was excited to share exciting news about our cohort graduation rate of 82.3%. A full accountability and graduation report, ACT results and dropout data will be given at the September meeting by Erin Foil, Director of Accountability.

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Using a Power Point presentation, he gave a snapshot of the graduation and accountability data. A press release regarding the information was released, a School Matters newsletter will be sent out and a link to his Power Point presentation will be placed on our web site.

**Staff Recognitions** – Jeff Wallace recognized Carol Cozart on her retirement after 25 years of service in Davie County Schools. He highlighted her career while pictures of Carol through the years were shown.

**Consent Agenda**

**Advisory Council Nominations** - Nominations for parents/guardians to serve on School Advisory Councils were presented for approval. The term is for two years.

**YVEDDI Contract** - Each year Davie County Schools enters into a contractual agreement with Yadkin Valley Economic Development District Inc. to provide specialized transportation for eligible students with disabilities attending Davie County Schools. The contractor (YVEDDI) provides the vehicle and driver as requested by Davie County Schools to transport eligible special needs students to and from their assigned school. The cost is \$1.44 per mile plus fuel recovery fee. The estimated daily mileage for this contract is 575 miles per day. The annual total for the contract will fluctuate with fuel price. The minimum annual cost is estimated to be \$149,040.00 for the 2012-2013 school year. The contract was presented for approval.

**School Food Service Contracts** - Contracts for bakery, water, milk, other beverages, food delivery, food processing supplies and ice cream for the 2012-2013 school year were presented for approval

**Exceptional Children's Service Contracts** – Contracts for Dr. Kathy Bailey, Physical Therapy Services, One Step at a Time Physical Therapy Services and YVEDDI for the 2012-2013 school year were presented for approval.

**Personnel**- Personnel recommendations were submitted for Board approval for employment, reassignment and substitutes. Resignations, retirements and leaves of absence were provided for information only. Jeff Wallace called the Board's attention to an addendum distributed to Board members and advised they would be voting on those recommendations as well.

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

**Business Items**

**Resolution in Honor of Elizabeth Martin** - At the July 10, 2012 Board of Education Meeting, Judge Jimmy Myers requested that the Board adopt a resolution in honor of former educator Elizabeth Martin. Elizabeth and her husband Lester will be honored at this year's Masonic Picnic on August 9, 2012 at 11:30 am for their service to our community. Superintendent Hartness will read the resolution at the picnic. Chairwoman Owens read the resolution.

**Attachment A**

Steve Ridenhour made the motion, seconded by Paul Drechsler, to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

**Discussion of Paperless Board Meetings** – Chairwoman Owens reported that new board members attended School Board 101 training and heard about paperless Board meetings and asked if this could be an option for the Board. Dr. Hartness reported that past superintendents and Davie County Board of Education members have researched software and programs to enable the board meetings to be paperless but for various reasons, did not implement. Dr. Hartness asked the Board if they would like him to pursue this topic and bring a recommendation. Board attorney Jill Wilson sees an added value in that the public's business, both past and present, is available to the public in an easy way. The consensus of the Board was for the Superintendent to pursue options for the Board to become paperless.

#### **Public Address to the Board**

Jill Wilson, Board Attorney, reviewed the rules for citizens addressing the Board.

**Dewey Hunt** – addressed the Board regarding SAT Scores and how well our students do compared to others after graduating. He is concerned about the "1034 line". He asked if staff receives feedback from students once they are out of school. He also thanked staff members of Davie County Schools for what they did and continue to do for members of his family.

**James Kowles** – addressed the Board regarding a speaker at the Board of Commissioners' meeting June 14 who exhibited a tattered math book in support of the School System's budget request. He reminded the Board of Education that books are their department and they are responsible for spending money on books. He spoke to the Sheriff's request, at that same Commissioners' meeting, for four new officers with police cruisers at an estimated cost of \$220,000 which is 10% of the Board's \$2.2M sequestered fund balance. He stated three of the five deputy officers for the county are at schools each day paid for by the county separately from the budget funding. He believes it is time to fix the old high school with the \$6M which is available.

#### **Committee/Staff Reports**

##### **Curriculum/Staff Development**

**K-2 Data Assessment Results** - Dr. Danny Cartner reviewed the K-2 Data Assessment Results. Charts and graphs summarizing the results of the final assessments by school and for the district as a whole as well were provided.

**STEM Camp** - Donna McNeil gave a report on the STEM camp held collaboratively with Davidson County Community College on July 16 for students from Davie County, Davidson County, Lexington City and Thomasville City schools. Seventy-two students, twenty from Davie County, participated in the camp. A video of the camp in progress was shown.

**STEM Center at Davie High School** – Noël Grady-Smith gave an overview of the new STEM Center at Davie High School. She reviewed the project challenge, "What Makes a Healthy Community", the STEM teacher training, gave information on the student information night, "Spring into STEM" August 14, 2012, and a new website which will be unveiled at the student information night.

**Child Nutrition** – Daughn Baker announced that Cooleemee Elementary School was selected as one of 144 elementary schools in North Carolina to receive a Fresh Fruit and

Vegetable Grant for \$24,524.00 which will begin in early September. She also announced that Davie County Schools will be offering a free breakfast to all students, regardless of income, at Cooleemee Elementary School and South Davie Middle School in 2012-2013. Funding for this program comes from increased participation from the free and reduced population and state funding for reduced priced breakfast meals.

**Assistant Superintendent/Facilities** – Jeff Wallace reported that he has received a certificate of occupancy for the Cooleemee cafeteria and expect the general contractor will hand over the facility next Monday [August 13]. The gymnasium floor at Davie County High has been completed and the bleachers with motors have been installed. The Davie County Early College High School addition will have a preliminary walk through next week and are still on target for August 27. He encouraged Board members to visit any of these buildings to see these projects.

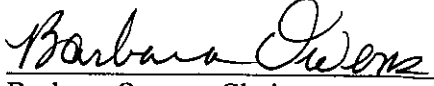

**Board Comments** – Board members made congratulatory and closing comments. In light of the fact that there are three new Board members, Carol Livengood requested a work session to discuss the high school renovations and receive their input. Chad Fuller and Barbara Owens concurred. Chairwoman Owens will work with the Superintendent to determine a date.

Steve Ridenhour made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S.143-318.11 to protect the attorney client privilege, to discuss personnel matters protected by N.C.G.S. 115C-319 et seq and to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to FERPA, 20 U.S.C § 1212g and N.C.G.S. § 115C-402. Paul Drechsler seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was by Chad Fuller to adjourn.

Paul Drechsler indicated he needed to discuss two additional items. Mr. Drechsler asked questions about how SROs were funded, since he had been told that the Sheriff may remove SROs from the schools unless the schools funded them. Dr. Hartness indicated that he did not have information prepared as to how those positions were funded, other than that he thought the district received a state allotment for one position. It was suggested that Mr. Drechsler respond to whoever shared this information that the Sheriff should discuss this with the Superintendent. Mr. Drechsler also questioned if the county was continuing to, and why the county would also be covering Cornatzer Elementary on their insurance policy. Dr. Hartness indicated that decision was made in the deputy county manager's office, that the school district had always covered the school under its insurance policy.

Steve Ridenhour seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried 7-0. The Board adjourned at 6:25 PM

  
Barbara Owens, Chairwoman  
  
Dr. Darrin Hartness, Secretary

**RESOLUTION**  
**Honoring**  
**FRANCES ELIZABETH WEAVER MARTIN**


**WHEREAS**, Frances Elizabeth Weaver Martin was born on September 5, 1924 in Suffolk, Virginia; and


**WHEREAS**, Frances Elizabeth Weaver Martin graduated from Victoria High School, Victoria, Virginia in 1941, earned her bachelor's degree from University of Richmond also known as West Hampton College, Richmond, Virginia, in 1945, attended the College of William and Mary graduate school in Williamsburg, Virginia 1946 – 1947, earned her high school teaching certification at Wake Forest College, The Village of Wake Forest in Wake Forest, NC in 1953, and attended Appalachian State Teachers College in 1963 - 1964 to earn her elementary North Carolina teaching certification; and

**WHEREAS**, Frances Elizabeth Weaver Martin began her career with Davie County Schools in 1956 as a substitute teacher. After earning her North Carolina teaching certification she started her teaching career at Mocksville Elementary in 1964. Elizabeth retired from the school system on May 31, 1985 after 25 years of service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the Davie County Board of Education that **Frances Elizabeth Weaver Martin** be honored and commended for her accomplishments and valuable contributions to Davie County Schools.

Presented this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012

  
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Barbara Owens, Chairwoman  
Davie County Board of Education

  
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Dr. Darrin Hartness, Superintendent  
Davie County Schools