NERSBA Early College

__**NERSBA Board Work Session 3:45 PM**__
Review of updates/revisions for NERSBA's 4000/5000 Series Board Policies.

__**NERSBA Board of Directors Meeting**__
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
4:30 PM

1. Open Session 4:30 PM

1.1 Call to Order/Welcome: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

1.2 Invocation/United States Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Julius Walker

1.3 Roll Call: Mrs. Inga Stotesberry

Present: Benjie Forrest, Brian Busch, Julius Walker, Simon Griffin, Jerry Phelps Joyce Moore, Kendall Paramore, Jason Davis, Sherri Gilliam

Absent: Ethan Lenker, Melva Lilley, Steve Lassiter, Gene Scott

1.4 Approval of June 10, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to approve the June meeting agenda as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

1.5 Public Comments: None

2. Class of 2026 Early College Graduate Perspective: Ms. Liliana Lara Gonzalez

Presentation Was Rescheduled For The July 15, 2026 Board Meeting

3. Scholastic Report: Mrs. Lisa Smith

(Note: Items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 were combined into a single presentation)

Mrs. Lisa Smith noted the following scholastic items with the board:

- The NERSBA Early College Spring Semester has concluded.
- The final day of employment for our 11-month faculty was June 8th.

- The teacher working condition survey correction was made by the survey creator, and the issue has been resolved.
- All schedules for the NERSBA 2026-2027 school year have been completed to date.
- Our school year closeout is in a good place at this time.
- Graduation was successful and was well attended, with Memorial Day contributions recognized with the presentation of colors during the ceremony.
- The Fire Alarm installation in the Gymnasium and Welding shop is underway with fire panel boxes installed in both areas. The project is scheduled to be completed next week.
- A big thank you to the Town of Jamesville and NC Department Of Transportation; we now have a crosswalk, 2 signs, and school crossings painted on Sunset Road for the safety of our students.
- Safety Grant update: We have received word that the remaining $10,000.00 has been received in our respective account with Pitt County Schools. New quotes for various projects have been requested for new intercoms/horn for the Gym and Agri-Engineering Laboratory and additional handheld radios.

Mr. Hal Davis informed our board that the security system for the building has been having issues and a new control panel is being installed today.

4. NERSBA Early College 2025-2026 Fiscal Budget Review: Mrs. Renee Dunn

Mrs. Renee Dunn presented the NERSBA Early College Budget Amendment #2

State Allocation increased by $1,000.00
Local Appropriation $100,000.00
Appropriated Fund Balance estimated at $ 131,000.00

Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve the amended budget as presented by Mrs. Renee Dunn. Dr. Jason Davis seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

5. Informational Items: Mr. Hal Davis

5.1 Final Exam Recap: Mrs. Lisa Smith

The NERSBA Early College End Of Course Preliminary Proficiency Data Overview document was provided to all board members for information and any discussions outlining retakes, growth and proficiencies. Mrs. Smith thanked all staff for their help with making our testing administrations throughout the school year a success.

5.2 Insurance Coverage Review Session: Mr. Jeff Fischer, Towne Insurance

Mr. Jeff Fischer with Towne Insurance provided an overview of our insurance coverage for respective policies at the NERSBA Early College. Mr. Fisher noted that NERSBA would be up for renewals soon and he will meet with Mr. Davis and review any changes as deemed appropriate in the very near future.

5.3 NERSBA Projected Scholar Enrollment by Public School Unit: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis provided a document outlining the projected enrollment of 146 scholars by Public School Unit for the 2026-2027 scholastic calendar. He noted that more specific information regarding enrollment would be provided to our board membership during the August board of directors meeting.

5.4 Post Graduate Data: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis provided a document of NERSBA Early College data collected from the 2016-2026 graduating classes which reflects the following:

Total Graduates: 399 scholars

Total Certificates Earned/Assoicates Degree Awarded: 377

Mr. Davis also outlined specific career pathways and post-secondary directions graduates have taken after completing their individual careers at NERSBA.

5.5 The Impact of A Teacher: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis provided to the board a copy of an email he received from a former student Darrell M. Brown, a 1986 Graduate of Bear Grass High School titled "A Formal Complaint" (in a good way) of all that Mr. Davis had instilled in him during his high school career and every day, those lessons and virtues that still has an impact on him with his daily life. Mr. Brown is now a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel with 28 years of military service.

Mr. Davis shared this document with the board membership noting the "life-lasting" impact professional educators have on their students.

6. Action Items: Mr. Benjie Forrest, Chair

6.1 May 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes Approval:

Mr. Davis provided the board of directors a copy of the meeting minutes from the May board meeting for review and approval.

Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to approve the board meeting minutes as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

6.2 Approval of NERSBA Early College 2000 and 3000 Series Policies: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis presented a brief review of the 2000 and 3000 series polices that was presented during the boards' May meeting. Mr. Davis asked the board to approve those policies with the updates and revisions as outlined earlier during the May board meeting.

Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to approve the individual policies as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Simon Griffin seconded the motion to approve the 2000 and 3000 policies for inclusion with our board policy handbook, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

6.3 Agreement for Food Service With Martin County Schools: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Davis, Mrs. Smith, and Dr. Jenkins met with the Martin County Schools Food Service Director last week to discuss nutritional services for NERSBA during the upcoming scholastic calendar.

Mr. Davis informed the board there will be a three-percent increase for their services bringing the estimated cost for food services (for additional labor on the part of Martin County Schools) at NERSBA in the amount of $17,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mr. Kendal Paramore moved to approve the request as presented. Dr. Brian Busch seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

6.4 Authority to Employ Faculty & Staff prior to July 15th board meeting: Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis requested that he be given authority to make any necessary personnel decisions including the ability to employ needed faculty prior to the July 15th board meeting. He noted that respective eleven-month faculty are scheduled to begin work on that date and wanted to work to ensure that our school is fully staffed at that point.

Mr. Simon Griffin moved to approve the request as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Julius Walker seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

6.5 NERSBA 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule: Mr. Hal Davis

Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to approve the board meeting schedule for the 2026-2027 school year as presented by Mr. Davis. Mr. Jerry Phelps seconded the motion, which was confirmed with a majority vote of the board membership.

6.6 NERSBA FFA Chapter Request for Overnight Travel: Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis presented a request for the FFA officer team to travel to Nags Head, NC for an overnight planning workshop and retreat with Mrs. Maria Dickinson in late-July.

Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to approve the request as presented by Mr. Davis.
Mrs. Sherri Gilliam seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

. **6.7 Supplementary Payments to Faculty & Staff: Mr. Hal Davis**

Mr. Davis recommended to the board a list of employees scheduled to receive a one-time bonus payment in the amount of $1,000 with their June 2026 paycheck.

Mrs. Sherri Gilliam moved to accept the proposal as presented by Mr. Davis.
Mr. Kendall Paramore seconded the motion, which was confirmed by a majority vote of the board membership.

7. Academic Program Announcements: Mrs. Lisa Smith

Mrs. Smith informed the board of the following schedules and events on the future NERSBA scholastic calendar:

7.1	June 15-19	NCSBA Leadership Conference, Wilmington, NC
7.2	June 22-26	NC State FFA Convention, Raleigh, NC
7.3	July 3rd	National Fourth of July Holiday (NERSBA Holiday)
7.4	July 15	Begin Employment for Eleven Month Faculty/Staff
7.5	July 27-28	NERSBA Scholar/Parent/Faculty Orientation Sessions

8. Closed Session: Mr. Hal Davis (NCGS 143-318.11.6/Personel)

With unanimous consent, the board moved into a closed session as scheduled on the meeting agenda at 5:35 PM. Mr. Kendall Paramore moved to go into closed session. Dr. Brian Busch seconded the motion.

Upon returning to open session, a motion to accept the personnel recommendation as presented by Mr. Hal Davis was offered by Dr. Jason Davis and seconded by Mr. Jerry Phelps. The motion to approve the personnel recommendation was affirmed with a majority vote of the board of directors.

9. Motion To Adjourn:

With there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Julius Walker and seconded by Mr. Kendall Paramore. The motion to adjourn was approved by a majority vote of the board membership with the meeting adjourning at 5:48 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

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