

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009
SPECIAL MEETING

The Davie County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in the Board Room of the Central Davie Education Center, 220 Campbell Road, Mocksville, NC.

Commissioners Present:

Chris Anderson, Chairman
Richard B. Poindexter, Vice-Chairman
Ronald L. "Ron" Hoth
Mark S. Jones
Kennon A. "Ken" White

Commissioners Absent:

None

Others Present:

Brenda B. Hunter, Clerk to the Board
Stacy Moyer, Human Resource/Administrative Assistant

Members and staff from the following entities were also present: Town of Bermuda Run, Town of Cooleemee, Town of Mocksville, Davie County Board of Education, Davie County Economic Development Commission, Davie County Hospital Board of Trustees, Davidson County Community College Board of Trustees and Mebane Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Chairman Anderson welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

Ms. Beth Dirks, County Manager, stated that the purpose of the meeting is to emphasize the positive impact collaboration can have on the entire community as evidenced through the school system's technology projects.

Ms. Dirks turned the meeting over to Dr. Linda Bost, Assistant Superintendent, Davie County Schools.

Dr. Bost presented information on the unique and ongoing partnership between Davie County Schools, Davie County, Mebane Charitable Foundation, Inc., Mebane Masters and Appalachian State University titled "21st Century Teachers for 21st Century Students". Dr. Bost demonstrated, through live video-conferencing with teachers and students at Shady Grove Elementary School, the interaction that can occur using the technology that is currently available in the Davie County School System.

Dr. Bost stated that the new technology significantly improves classroom instruction using individual learning styles and provides a model for staff development designed to produce 21st Century professionals in-house.

Ms. Diane Ireland, a teacher at William R. Davie Elementary School, demonstrated the “Smart Table” which allows groups of students to be interactive.

Ms. Andera Rivers, AIG teacher, demonstrated how the “Smart Board” can be used for a geometry lesson. It allows students to have a hands-on learning experience.

Mr. John Marshall, a teacher at North Davie Middle School, demonstrated how he incorporates technology to develop interactive units of study, replacing textbooks with laptops.

The Mebane Masters Program is a 36-month partnership between Davie County Schools and Appalachian State University which is funded by a one-time commitment of \$500,000 allocated by the Davie County Board of Commissioners and a continuing commitment by the Mebane Charitable Foundation, Inc. Sixteen teachers were selected by principals and a district selection committee to become Mebane Masters. Mebane Masters will serve as lead teachers at their schools for curriculum/technology delivery.

STEM Grant (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics):

NC STEM Community Collaborative - Mr. Larry Colbourne, with the Mebane Charitable Foundation, announced that the North Carolina STEM Community Collaborative, with support from MCNC and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has selected Davie County as one of three communities to pilot a Community Visioning Process. The NC STEM Community Collaborative engages local communities to envision and create innovative and sustainable STEM education linked to the regional economy. The end goal is to ensure that all students in the community are prepared for college and careers in the 21st Century.

The Community Visioning Process will begin with a meeting of the three pilot communities. This process is a three-phased process (engagement, education, design) in the development of an education plan supported by the community to ensure vital skills are taught to make students competitive in the workforce.

The other pilot counties selected to participate in the NC STEM Community Collaborative are Cumberland and Lenoir.

Each STEM Community will:

- Adopt a locally designed approach to creative, student-centered learning practices
- Use methodologies supporting the creation of an education plan that can be customized to other communities
- Lead the innovation cycle in at least one area of critical need for the state and nation
- Align to serve local and state education and economic goals

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



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