

**MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Davie County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 4, 2008 in the Commissioners' Room, Davie County Administration Building, Mocksville, NC.

Commissioners Present:

Tom Fleming, Chairman
Chris Anderson, Vice-Chairman
John L. Frye
Bobby H. Knight
Richard B. Poindexter

Commissioners Absent:

None

Others Present:

Terry L. Bralley, County Manager
James J. Stockert, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director
Beth M. Dirks, Assistant County Manager/Human Resource Director
Sally W. Smith, County Attorney
Brenda B. Hunter, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Fleming called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He then turned the meeting over to Dr. Linda Bost, Assistant Superintendent, Davie County Schools.

Dr. Bost recognized the members of the Davie County Board of Education – Mr. Rick Ellis, Mr. Terry Renegar, Mr. Carl Lambert, Mr. Chad Fuller, Ms. Linda Barnette and Ms. Barbara Owens, and Superintendent, Dr. Robert Landry.

Dr. Bost's presentation was on the unique and ongoing partnership of the Davie County School system and the Mebane Charitable Foundation.

The Mebane Charitable Foundation is a charitable foundation that has as its main purpose the creation of a teaching environment which has technology as the center of interactive classrooms.

Initially, the Foundation started with preschool and developed a reading curriculum that offers the underprivileged child entering kindergarten a chance to be as successful a reader as the child who has had a more structured and developed reading background. A partnership was formed with The Hill Center of Durham, North Carolina, to develop a curriculum that teaches remedial courses in reading, and together the Foundation and The Hill Center have developed a K-5 program which is in its third year. In the fall of 2008 a middle school reading comprehension component will be added.

Through the partnership of the Mebane Foundation, the Mebane Challenge, the Davie County School system, and the Davie County Commissioners, all classrooms have SMART boards installed and are totally inactive. Each teacher received a laptop and was put through extensive training to insure the power of this technology was leveraged in everyday instruction.

The most recent partnership is a collaboration with Appalachian State University on developing a master's degree in educational instruction through technology (Mebane Masters). This program will begin in September 2008 for sixteen Davie County teachers. The goal is to design a 21st Century classroom and curriculum that has as its platform all available technology.

Chairman Fleming thanked Dr. Bost for the presentation and the Mebane Foundation for its continued support and partnership with Davie County Schools.

Chairman Fleming adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.


Brenda B. Hunter, Clerk
Board of Commissioners


Thomas G. Fleming, Chairman
Board of Commissioners