

Central Carolina RESA Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom Session
December 10, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Minutes

Board of Directors in Attendance

Ethan Lenker (Pitt), Rhonda Schuhler (Franklin), Frank Creech (Greene designee), Pascal Mubenga (Durham), Cathy Moore (Wake), Rodney Peterson (Person), Lane Mills (Wilson), Steven Ellis (Nash-Rocky Mount), Eric Cunningham (Halifax), Jim Causby (CHCCS), Alisa McLean (Granville), Eric Bracy (Johnston), and Tony Jackson (Vance).

Affiliate Member Representatives in Attendance

Barbria Bacon (ESDB), Freda Hicks (NCCU), Fran Riddick (NC State), and Diana Lys (UNC).

Staff

Ed Croom and Dana Stutzman

Call to Order

CCRESA Executive Director, Ed Croom called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of the October 23rd Minutes

Ethan Lenker asked members, if they had not already done so, to review the Minutes from the October 23rd meeting for approval. Jim Causby moved, and Pascal Mubenga seconded a motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Dr. Lenker mentioned that the Minutes from the September 25th Board of Directors Meeting had also received electronic approval.

Approval of Financial Report

Dr. Lenker noted that Board Members had received a copy of the Financial Report for review. Lane Mills, CCRESA Treasures, reported that the Proposal to Move Funds did receive approval and the CCRESA had opened the respective bank accounts. Rhonda Schuhler moved, and Pascal Mubenga seconded a motion to approve the Financial Reports. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Update on Equity Proposal

Dr. Griffin had presented to the Board on October 23rd, and Dr. Croom has shared his proposal with Superintendents. At this time pricing is not clear, but a rough estimate would be \$20k plus, airfare, lodging, and meals. With budgeting constraints, many districts are unsure if taking on a new initiative is financially feasible, especially for smaller districts. Dr. Croom will be speaking with the Equity Council tomorrow and will gather more information from Dream Builders regarding pricing. The Board will revisit this topic in January.

CCTI Update

Dr. Croom informed the Board the Lisa Sonricker, Director of the CCTI, was currently presenting the CCTI data to the PEPSC Commission and would not be able to attend today's meeting. Ms. Sonricker has presented the positive data findings with Kevin Bastion, the third-party evaluator from EPIC, to the State Board of Education and to the HR/Human Capital Leaders across the state. There is hope that the program will grow now that evidence shows it to be an effective program.

CCP3 Update

Dr. Croom and Dana Stutzman shared a quick update on the progress of C. A written report, composed by NCCU's Jennifer Jarrett, has been shared with the Board. Survey feedback from the cohort shows the program is having a positive influence on participants.

Open Discussion

Superintendents shared their districts' plans on returning to face-to-face or virtual learning due to the rising COVID cases and the potential for even higher increases over the Winter break. Many Superintendents noted that any change back to Plan C was not due to any data showing that schools were a cause of the spread, but due to staffing limitations brought on by positive cases, contact tracing, and quarantine protocols.

District	Plan
ESDB	Plan C and will reassess in Jan/Feb.
Chapel Hill-Carrboro	Will stay Plan C
Durham	Most likely will stay on Plan C for the remainder of the year. Will make that decision on Jan. 7th.
Edgecombe	No change - K-5 will begin plan B on Jan. 12
Franklin	Board does not want to go to Plan C. They want to stay consistent, but might consider Person's plan.
Granville	Begin Winter Break early, Dec. 16th then will return to Plan B on Jan. 25th. Board meets on Jan. 11th so plan may change
Greene	Stay on Plan B. Classes finish next week and will return on Jan.6th.
Halifax	Plan C until March
Johnston	Going Plan C until Jan. 19th. Staffing issues led to the decision.
Nash-Rocky Mount	Considering staying with Plan B
Orange	
Person	After break will go plan C from Jan. 6 - Jan. 11.
Pitt	No change, will stay in Plan B.
Roanoke Rapids	

Vance	Data does not show that schools have spread the virus, but due to high rate of COVID positivity in the community, they will remain consistent and stay with Plan C.
Wake	Board meets on Tuesday and they will decide. Might move to Plan C for 3 weeks after break.
Warren	
Wilson	Currently Plan A for Elem, Plan B for Middle and C for HS Will be looking at Plan B for HS after break.

We would like to request that any districts that were not able to attend, to please share their plans with the CCRESA.

Dr. Causby mentioned that this will be his last meeting the CCRESA as his time as the Interim Superintendent for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is coming to an end. Superintendents thanks him for his time spent with the RESA and wished him well.

Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Croom reminded Superintendents that the next call will be on January 14th and the Board will meet again on February 11th. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lane Mills
CCRESA Secretary/Treasurer