

Central Carolina RESA Board of Directors Meeting

NCSBA Assembly Hall

September 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board of Directors in Attendance

Matthew Cheeseman (Beaufort), Kristy Davis (Alamance-Burlington Designee), Andy Bryan (Edgecombe), Steve Ellis (Nash), Frank Creech (Greene), Julie Thompson (Roanoke Rapids), Lane Mills (Wilson), Ethan Lenker (Pitt), Randy Bridges (Wake), Jim Merrill (Orange), Ashauna Harris and guest (Chapel Hill Carrboro Designee), Rodney Peterson (Person), Cindy Bennett (Vance), Rhonda Schuhler (Franklin), Keith Sutton (Warren), Eric Bracy (Johnston), Stan Winborne (Granville), Pascal Mubenga (Durham).

Affiliate Members in Attendance

Paola Sztajn (NC State), Michelle Handley (ESDB), Dr. Lakisha Rice (NCCU), Andre Green (ECU), Marjarie Ringler (ECU), Tony Jackson (Chatham).

Guests

Leah Carper, Kim Jones, Member District Teachers of the Year, Kendra King (NCDPI), Holly Lee (NCDPI), Jenni Wilkinson (NCDPI), Paul Davis (NCDPI), Joe Johnson (Builders Services), Ben Bass (Builders Services), and Rick Stout (Builders Services).

Staff

Patrick Miller, Dana Stutzman, and Katherine Chambers

Welcome

CCRESA Executive Director, Patrick Miller introduced himself and the CCRESA staff, Dana Stutzman and Katherine Chambers to the room, and welcomed Board Members in attendance, the Teachers of the Year, and guests at 9:00 am. Dr. Miller encouraged the room to have breakfast if they hadn't done so already and thanked Builder Services for providing catering. The Superintendents presented

their respective Teacher of the Year along with their notable achievements. The Board expressed gratitude for the positive impact these educators make in their classrooms. Leah Carper and Kim Jones invited the teachers to join them in the CCRESA Conference room for a PD session.

Builder Services

Ben Bass introduced himself and Builder Services extensive experience in assisting school systems across many states, including Texas, Virginia, and Florida. Their corporate office is conveniently located in Granville County, ensuring proximity to our district's needs. Builder Services is uniquely equipped to take on emergency situations by laying out detailed plans ahead of time. Districts that do not have these detailed plans laid out, often end up with higher costs when situations do arise. The Builder Services emergency response plan offers a preventative measure where a representative from the company will assess the building and provide direction to address any situation that may occur before they occur.

Dr. Kendra King, NCDPI

Dr. Kendra King, NCDPI's new regional director for CCRESA, introduced herself and shared her contact information. Dr. King encouraged Superintendents to reach out with questions or concerns. Joining Dr. King were members of the regional support team: Holly Lee and Jenni Wilkerson who specialize in Early Literacy Education, Talbot Troy manages Federal Programs, Paul Davis oversees Accountability and Testing, and Deepak Sharma who is responsible for Digital Teaching and Learning. Dr. King emphasized to everyone that the NCDPI are a united front dedicated to supporting the districts to the best of their abilities.

Approval of the March 17, 2023 Minutes

Dr. Rhonda Schuler welcomed the room and asked everyone to review the March 17, 2023 Minutes in the folder. Dr. Ethan Lenker gave a motion to approve the Minutes, Dr. Rodney Peterson seconded, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

Approval of the Financial Reports

Dr. Keith Sutton, CCRESA Treasurer, summarized the financial report and pointed out that the audit is still in the process of completion due to grant funding received by the state requiring a Yellow

Book Audit. The motion to approve the financial memo and report was given by Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Dr. Rhonda Schuhler seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

CCP3 Update

Dr. Lakisha Rice, Lead Principal Investigator for the Central Carolina Principal Preparation Program (CCP3), provided an overview of the program's progress and its impact on strengthening CCRESA districts' principal pipeline. Key highlights include: seven CCRESA districts currently having CCP3 members in administrative roles; a 100% placement rate for cohort 1 members in administrative positions; the ongoing training of Executive Coaches in Cognitive Coaching. Additionally, CCP3 is actively recruiting for its fourth cohort, and applications are open until December 1st.

Implications of the Parents' Bill of Rights

Brian Shaw addressed the concern and controversy of the Parent's Bill of Rights. Before starting the presentation, Brian assured the group that he would try his best not to give any personal opinions and to give the facts and his professional opinion on how North Carolina districts should move forward regarding this bill. The powerpoint presentation was shared to the group via email to reference, but he encouraged everyone to read the bill itself in its entirety.

SB49, now ratified, encompasses various "parental rights", most of which are not new. Among the newly introduced rights is the prohibition of creating, sharing, or storing biometric scans such as fingerprints, face recognition data, or eye scans. The law prohibits the creation, sharing, or storage of a student's blood or DNA, even including instances of mandatory drug testing for athletes. It also mandates that video or voice recordings of a child cannot be made without parental consent. The law extends parental notice requirements outlined in G.S. 115C-47(56) to cover criminal offenses committed anywhere, not just on campus, and applies to all criminal offenses, not solely reportable ones.

An additional item of note is the survey portion of the bill. Under the Parents Bill of Rights, it is required for all survey questions to be sent to parents before being given to any student. Brian Shaw encouraged the room to begin working towards compliance with the law, but reminded those in attendance that anyone can file legal action as they see fit.

WestEd

Linda Friedrich virtually presented the Reading Apprenticeship Framework, emphasizing its alignment with NC Literacy instructional standards. The framework's core is metacognitive conversations, focusing on how individuals make sense of curriculum content. It comprises four dimensions: social, personal, cognitive, and knowledge building. Notably, 9th and 10th-grade ELA, Science, and Social Studies teachers will have the opportunity to engage in a comprehensive 5-day professional development program, split between online and in-person sessions, spanning from summer 2024 to summer 2025.

Executive Directors report

Dr. Patrick Miller reminded Superintendents of the upcoming NCCAT Math Badge Professional Development for teachers in October. Superintendents were asked to review the Engaging Schools flier included in their folders, as it outlines a proposal for a one-day professional development session focused on discipline and classroom management. This PD was requested by a member district, and is a timely topic for our educators at the classroom level and central office. With this in mind, Dr. Miller requested a motion to approve the proposal. Matthew Cheeseman motioned for approval, Rhonda Schuler seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Another noteworthy item in the report is the inclusion of sponsors in Council and Board Meetings has proven to be financially advantageous for the CCRESA. Dr. Miller addressed a scheduling issue and the May 17th board meeting has been moved to May 10.

The Technology Council expressed their concerns regarding the impending January 1st NCDPI deadline for data sharing compliance for third-party vendors. Dr. Miller and the Technology Council collaborated to draft a letter addressing these concerns, which will be sent to NCDPI. He has already shared the draft with the Superintendents and is slated to send it out next week. Dr. Miller expressed his gratitude to NC State for generously providing free space at the Friday Institute for many of our Professional Development sessions. As a final reminder, Dr. Miller urged superintendents to spread the word for the upcoming Equity Symposium on October 28 in Greenville.

Teachers of the Year Presentation and Closing

Teachers of the Year returned to the Assembly Hall and presented on a range of topics they are eager to engage: initial teacher support, community outreach, and strategies for teacher recruitment and retention. Alongside Leah Carper and Kimberly Jones, each educator expressed their willingness to contribute and extended an open invitation to Superintendents and Principals to seek their support when required. They reminded Superintendents that they can be used to foster a collaborative and supportive educational environment.

Dr. Patrick Miller reminded superintendents that the CCRESA is here to support them and please reach out to us if there is another way we can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Sutton

CCRESA Secretary/Treasurer