

BOARD MINUTES

March 9, 2021

5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Mildred Heatley, Chairperson
Mrs. Michele Bryngelson, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Peggy Phalen, Secretary
Mr. Brad Davis
Mr. Willie Jenkins

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Nadine Miller – ex-officio (DD2)
Dr. James Hodges – ex-officio (DD4)

Notice to the Media: In accordance to SC Code of Law, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, the following have been notified of the time and location of this meeting: **The Post and Courier, The Journal Scene and the Eagle Record.**

Mrs. Heatley, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Dorchester County Career & Technology Center Board of Trustees to order by reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance” followed by a moment of silence.

Welcome Visitors: Mrs. Heatley welcomed Dr. James Hodges, a representative of District 4’s School Board. He spoke briefly about his life and how he came to be a part of the local community.

Mrs. Heatley also welcomed Mr. Benjamin Crawford, the Center instructor for Building Construction. Mr. Crawford briefly discussed his background and how he got started in the construction business. He also discussed the projects his students have been involved with since he came to the Center and where he expects them to be upon completion of the program.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Phalen, to approve the revised agenda for today’s meeting. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes for Meeting held February 9, 2021: Mrs. Bryngelson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes for the meeting held February 9, 2021, as presented. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Discussion of Board’s Bills Claim for February 2021: – (Mrs. Garrick): The Board reviewed the bills claim for February 2021. After discussion, Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to accept the Board’s bills claim for February 2021 as presented. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

First Reading – Policy BE – Center Board Meetings: The Board reviewed Policy BE, Center Board Meetings, for first reading.

A Board Member’s Moment - Chairperson: Mrs. Heatley opened up the floor for comments. Each Board member had an opportunity to speak.

District 2/District 4 Update: There was no representative present from District 2. Dr. Hodges was present today representing District 4, and will hopefully bring any new developments in his district to the next Center Board meeting.

Administrative Report (Mr. Villeponteaux): Items discussed were as follows.

- An update on class counts, registered students, was presented.
- We have the rapid testing for COVID 19 on site. We have applied with DHEC to be a vaccination site. The Trolley Road site was able to take their shots with DD2.
- We met with the State Fire Academy who's looking for a home for their Tri-County office. They came out and toured our facility and we are waiting on their decision.
- Our new recruitment and promotional videos have been released.
- CTE assessments are continuing.
- The County Administrator, Jason Ward, has been contacted regarding property in the District 2 area. He is meeting with the Economic Development Board about two possible sites in the lower county.
- New camera replacements have been ordered and installation scheduled over the next few weeks.
- We are in the process of replacing computers and i-pads.
- The printer in Human Resources/Payroll has been replaced.
- 25 new additional chromebooks have been purchased for Diesel and Machine Technology.
- A new touch screen TV has been installed in Carpentry.
- The video walls are in and will be installed at both locations.
- The new truck has been ordered and will be delivered to Lexington's commercial vehicle lot and available for pick up next Thursday. The Expedition has been ordered with an estimated delivery date in June.
- We have advertised for the new Agriculture position, Ag Mechanization. One candidate has expressed interest in the position.
- Teachers have received their budget packets for updates and additional equipment needs. A zoom meeting for our budget has been scheduled for April 20 at 1:00 p.m. with the County. It was the decision of the Board to schedule a meeting to discuss the budget on March 30 at 1:00 p.m. after the Industrial Council meeting.
- Madelyn Platt qualified for State Trap Competition through the Department of Natural Resources Sporting Clays Teams.
- On Saturday the seniors are going to the Sporting Clays State Competition.

Without objection, this meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Chairperson or Designee

Secretary

Date