

BOARD MINUTES
February 8, 2022
3:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Mildred Heatley, Chairperson
Mr. Willie Jenkins, Secretary
Mr. Jason Carraher
Mr. Brad Davis
Dr. Greg Harrison – ex-officio (DD2)
Dr. James Hodges – ex-officio (DD4)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Michele Bryngelson, Vice Chairperson

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 thought for today.

Welcome Visitors: Mrs. Heatley welcomed two of the Career Center’s instructors to today’s meeting to share their classroom instruction, and Mrs. Cindy Perry who came to the meeting as an observer, which is part of her training. Mrs. Heatley also asked that the letter from County Council be attached to the February 8, 2022, minutes.

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

Introduction of Instructors: Mr. James Ante and Mrs. Cathy Mellard introduced themselves to the Board and spoke about their programs.

Approval of Extension of Audit Contract: After discussion, Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Carraher, to approve the extension of the audit contract with Greene Finney Cauley, LLP, for five years. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes for Meeting held January 11, 2022: The minutes stands approved as written with the correction to add Mr. Vince Martin as a visitor.

Discussion of Board’s Bills Claim for January, 2022: – (Mrs. Garrick): The Board reviewed the bills claim for January, 2022.

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

District 2/District 4 Update: Dr. Greg Harrison gave an update on District 2. Dr. Hodges gave an update on District 4.

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

1. Mr. George Allen Barbee has been offered the position of Auto Body instructor to replace Mr. Jimmy Bunch who is retiring at the end of this school year.
2. The Guidance Department is showing 436 students registered for second semester.
3. We currently have 32 students participating in school-to-work with our business partners.
4. The Bid group continues to donate to Mr. Hartzog's Welding program. Two pallets of MiG wire and some Argon gas will be delivered soon.
5. Instructors are working on their supply budgets for next year. We will plan the budget workshop once the process of compiling those requests is complete.
6. County Council has decided to make no changes to our Board of Trustees at this time.
7. The new sign has been installed at the Trolley Road site.
8. The new SRO replacing Officer Gutierrez should be here on this campus Monday.
9. Mr. Broderick gave an update on the Trolley Road campus.
10. Mr. Behr gave an update on the Dorchester campus.

Executive Session for Director's Evaluation: Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to go into Executive Session to discuss the Director's evaluation. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to come out of Executive Session. No action was taken while in Executive Session.

After discussion, Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to have the April Board meeting at the Trolley Road facility on the 5th at 3:00 p.m. A time will be set for the budget workshop at the meeting on March 8, 2022.

Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the contract of Mr. Villeponteaux with increase as discussed pending review with attorney effective July 1, 2022. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Carraher, to approve giving a \$250 bonus to all employees based on their extra work during COVID and a \$250 payment to all teachers involved with dual modality. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Mr. Davis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Carraher, that the Board approve the proposal to County Council in reference to the appointments of Board seats to the Career Center. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Without objection, this meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Chairperson or Designee

Secretary

Date