

Joint Called Meeting
of the
Bladen Community College Board of Trustees
and
Bladen County Board of Education
Minutes of August 8, 2016

Members Present: Dennis Troy, chair; Mary Andrews; Albert Beatty; Pam Benton; Larry Hammond; Hayes Petteway; and Charlotte Smith.

Members Absent: Frank Gemma, vice-chair; Landon Bordeaux; Wayne Edge; Ricky Leinwand; and James McVicker.

Others Present: William Findt; Jeff Kornegay; Barry Priest; Jay Stanley; Lynn Grey King; Cynthia McKoy; Nicole Dove; Zachary Bridgers, SGA president; and Missi Hester, recorder.

Attending for Bladen County Board of Education: Wilbur Smith, chair; Winston Rozier, vice-chair; Tim Benton; Roger Carroll; Dennis Edwards; and Ophelia Munn-Goins.

At 4:30 p.m., Dr. Wilbur Smith, chairman of the Bladen County Board of Education, welcomed those present to the informational session to discuss an early college high school program for Bladen County.

Mr. Dennis Troy gave a prayer.

Dr. Robert Taylor, Superintendent of Bladen County Schools, stated that the meeting was called to share information and give individuals an opportunity to ask questions. Dr. Taylor said that he sees this as an opportunity to retain Bladen County students.

Dr. Tanya Head, Assistant Superintendent of Bladen County Schools, shared information regarding implementation of an early college high school program. Dr. Head provided school program information, target population of students who would benefit from such a program, eligibility requirements, and curriculum design.

Mr. Jeff Kornegay informed the group that personnel at the North Carolina Community College System Office had recommended that he and others who would be involved in the implementation of the early college high school visit a successful school to learn from its example. College and Bladen County Schools personnel visited the early college high school located on the Sampson Community College campus.

Discussion continued regarding the program. The group had questions regarding the admission process for students, funding for the program, academic support of students, and meals. It is anticipated that the program will provide pathways for students including computer information technology; allied health/emergency medical services; allied health/certified nursing assistant; industrial systems technology/machining and associate in science.

In the interest of time, Dr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Dennis Troy, Chairman

William Findt, Secretary