

DAVIDSONWORKS BOARD MEETING
Minutes

- DATE:** Thursday, October 30, 2018
- TIME:** 8:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** DavidsonWorks Conference Room
- MEMBERS:** Board Chair-Neal Grimes, Vice Chair-Jane Murphy, Don Clinard, Eddie Lothridge, Ellen Welborn, Hal Routh, Jeff McIntyre, Kat Berrier, Lee Comer, LeeAnn Tuttle-Thomas, Pat Phillips, Steve Googe, Steve Shell, and Steven Moore
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Barry Sink, Brian Hughes, Craig Goodson, Dale Moorefield, Dan Matthews, Darrick Horton, David Davis, Derrick Swink, Dr. Mary Rittling, Fred McClure, Kevin Chapman, Randy Everhart, Richard Michaels, Mike Sharpe, Sandy Motley, Scott Biesecker, and Stacy English
- STAFF:** Pam Walton, Beth Mitchell, Brenda Brown, Eric Torrence, and Tim Maness, and Sondra Willis
- GUESTS:** Dr. Emily Lipe, Davidson County Schools Superintendent; Dr. Catherine Gentry, Thomasville City Schools Superintendent; Jesse Pratt, Thomasville City Schools Assistant Superintendent; Cheraton Love Candidate for NC Senate District 29; Kent Beck, Lexington Chamber President; Dave Hiller, Vocational Rehabilitation Manager; Susan Huneycutt, Associate Dean of Arts, & Sciences Education DCCC
- HANDOUTS:** Agenda and Minutes

RECAP of October 30, 2018 Meeting

1. Board Chair, Neal Grimes, called the meeting to order
2. Minutes from the August 30, 2018 meeting were approved
3. Pam Walton discussed Finish Line Grant
4. Pam Walton discussed the NCWorks Career Center Certification
5. Pam Walton gave an Education Committee Update
6. DavidsonWorks Holiday Open House
7. Committee updates

I. Welcome / Introductions

Neal welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.

II. Items for Decision/Vote/Approval

A. *Minutes*

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2018 meeting, as written was made by Steve Gooze and Jane Murphy provided a second. The minutes were unanimously approved.

B. *Finish Line Grant*

Governor Cooper announced funds have been made available for students who attend a community college, are enrolled in a curriculum or continuing ed program, and are within 75% of completing their degree and face an emergency situation that may keep them from completing training. The purpose of these funds is to cover an emergency such as: late utility bills, car repairs, childcare, etc and the maximum amount that a student may apply for is \$1,000.00 per semester. The funds will go to the vendor and not directly to the student. Since these funds are for emergencies, the turnaround time to assist the student is 3-days.

DavidsonWorks WDB has requested \$35,000.00 of these funds for citizens of Davidson County. The Finish Line grant funds will be available until June 30, 2019.

Pam noted that the Finish Line Grant went before the Commissioners and was approved. She will keep the WDB informed as information becomes available and as the grant funds are administered to students.

C. *NCWorks Career Center Certification*

Pam reminded the Board that four years ago when NCWorks was first introduced the career centers in both Thomasville and Lexington had to go through a certification process. The submission that is due on November 22nd is a re-certification to ensure that the centers are accessible to the public, working with required partnerships, etc. Pam stated that the application is almost ready to be submitted, and she will keep the Board informed as the process goes on.

D. *Education Committee*

Pam stated that that a few of the Board members had gotten together to discuss revising the Education Committee, per the request of the Board. The WDB has expressed a need to have the Education Committee revived. This group discussed the purpose of the Education Committee, who will serve on the committee, and what the objectives are. Some of the guidelines are:

- ❖ Educational Professionals, businesses, and EDC be members
- ❖ To involve the Davidson County business community by having one member from a small business (less than 25 employees) and one business member from a large company (more than 100 employees).
- ❖ Have the WDB identify someone to initiate the first meeting and then start doing a rotation.
- ❖ Have the Education Committee report minutes and update to the full board for accountability.

Pam stated that the purpose of the education committee is to convene with all three-school systems, community college, economic development, WDB, and businesses to discuss the best way to serve and prepare students for the workforce.

There were a lot of education representation at the WDB meeting today and they were in agreement of reviving the education committee.

Neal noted that the seed to start the Yadkin Valley Academy actually came about from the Education Committee.

E. DavidsonWorks Open House

DavidsonWorks moved into their new location on September 12, 2017. Pam stated that DavidsonWorks will have their open house on Wednesday, December 12th; an invitation will be sent out through email. Pam asked folks to bring a guest to the open house to see the new center and to share information about DavidsonWorks services. Pam would like agencies to come see DavidsonWorks new location and use space if needed. Pam thanked the Commissioners and Davidson County for their support by giving DavidsonWorks the space they need to help the citizens of Davidson County.

III. Committee Updates

A. *Youth Council*

Don Clinard announced the retirement of Brenda Brown, he thanked her for her years of service. Ms. Brown's last day will be December 13th.

Don welcomed Susan Huneycutt, Associate Dean of Arts, & Sciences Education at DCCC. Ms. Huneycutt will be assisting with Get REAL and Get READY programs.

Don invited the WDB and guest to the Get REAL Annual Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 13th at Noon, to celebrate student's accomplishments.

B. *NCWorks Committee*

No updates

C. *Advanced Manufacturing Meeting*

Dr. Gentry mentioned that the advanced manufacturing committee had a meeting last week and during that meeting, they discussed their continuing efforts to look at how advanced manufacturing is set up in schools. They have submitted their letter of intent for the Gold Leaf Grant for additional funding.

D. *Industry Day*

Jeff McIntyre asked if there could be a day set aside to bring students to local plants for tours. Mr. McIntyre suggested making this a big one-day event by having students visit multiple businesses on one given day.

Lee Ann Tuttle-Thomas mentioned that during their last CTE meeting they met with business leaders to discuss how to bring students and businesses together.

One of their concerns was - how to work through having students under the age of 18 on the plant floor (due to OSHA restrictions).

The purpose of these tours is to have students see what a manufacturing plant really looks like, and how manufacturing has changed to more high tech technology. This will also allow businesses to visit the schools to see what type of equipment students are trained on.

Steve Googe noted that not only students need to be educated about advanced manufacturing, but also teachers and parents need to be educated in order to help guide students into this field of work. Mr. Googe stated that “If they’re [teachers] not believers that [advanced manufacturing] is not a career future, they’re going to steer them [students] away regardless of what the guidance counselor say.”

IV. Closing Remarks

The next Workforce Development Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2019.

V. Adjournment

Time having expired; the meeting was adjourned.