Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Anderson called the regular board meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 6:30 pm at NECP Elementary Cafeteria in Tarboro, NC.

**Board Members Present**

Chair David Anderson

Director Cary Fleming (*on speaker phone*)

Director Beatrice Ward

Dr. Thomas Ricks

Director Richard Scott

**Board Members Absent:**

Director Anne Mann

Director Anthony Williams

**Arrived late**:

None

**Departed early**:

None

**Others Present:**

Executive Director William Etheridge

High School Principal Phillip Lampron

Elementary Principal Vernita Williams

MS/HS Asst. Principal Jarrett Pleasant

NECP Board Recorder Youlanda Bulluck

NECP Transportation Director William Wooten

T- Mobile EmpowerED Representative Robbie Austen

**Approve Agenda:**

**Motion** by Director Fleming to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Director Scott. Passed without dissent.

**Approve October’s Board Minutes:**

**Motion** by Director Scott to approve October’s minutes.

Seconded by Dr. Ricks. Passed without dissent.

**Public Comments**: Director Scott reported that he was able to tour the campus with Mr. Etheridge last Friday. He was very satisfied and pleased with the staff and students while observing. He thanked Mr. Etheridge and the staff for promoting and educating.

 **Executive Director’s Report**

**September Budget’s Report:**

**Motion** by Dr. Ricks to accept the September’s budget report.

Seconded by Director Scott. Passed without dissent

**Retention Bonus:**

**Motion** by Dr. Ricks to accept the recommendation of the Retention Bonus.

Seconded by Director Scott. Passed without dissent.

**Student Use of Technology Agreement:** Executive Director Etheridge presented the board with the Student Use of Technology Agreement. This agreement will be given to parents along with the repair fees of the chrome books if the chrome books are damaged.

**EmpowerED:** T-Mobile representative Austen presented the board with the EmpowerED presentation. This service will allow some of the students to have access to hot spots for the students that need this service, allowing them to have access to the internet for school work purpose.

**Transportation Update:** NECP Transportation Director Wooten reported the following items: thank you all for helping me with the buses, in need of one more bus, found one for $24,000 it’s a 2010, will hold 66 passengers, and also asking for a pay increase for the bus drivers.

The board will discuss the items in Closed Session.

**Field Trips:**

**Motion** by Director Scott to accept the field trip request to The Courthouse Square.

Seconded by Dr. Ricks. Passed without dissent.

**Motion** by Dr. Ricks to accept the field trip request to The Federation Truck & Tractor Driving Contest.

Seconded by Director Scott. Passed without dissent.

**Motion** by Dr. Ricks to accept the field trip request to The Farm City Breakfast.

Seconded by Director Scott. Passed without dissent.

**Motion** by Director Ward to accept the field trip request to The Cotton Harvest Field Young Farmers Rangers.

Seconded by Dr. Ricks. Passed without dissent.

**Child Nutrition:** Child Nutrition document was presented to the board.

**Enrollment Report**: Enrollmentdocument was presented to the board

**Discipline Report:** Disciplinedocument was presented to the board

**Senior Trip &Graduation:**

**Motion** by Director Scott to accept the amended means of transportation change of traveling by train to traveling by airplane for the Senior trip to Orlando, Florida and to change the graduation start time to 5:00pm instead of 7:00pm.

Seconded by Director Ward. Passed without dissent.

 **Board Committees Reports and Actions**

**Governance/Nominations:**

Executive Director Etheridge presented the board with a new board policy recommendation of student exclusion, instead of expelling which would allow students to attend other schools.

**Finance:** None to Report

**Curriculum and Technology:** Dr. Ricks reported the following items: National Steam Day will be Fri. Nov. 8 and discussed with the board revising the “B” Honor Roll.

**Motion** by Director Scott to amend the “B” Honor Roll requirements to reflect students must not have any grade below a “B” in their classes.

Seconded by Director Fleming. Passed without dissent.

**Building and Facilities:** Chair Anderson reported if anyone need any boys to help out with anything to let him know, because the Eagle Scouts are working on a project.

**Fundraising/Parent Involvement:** None to Report

**Announcements:** NECP High School principal Lampron announced that Mr. Boone is up for “Teacher of the Year”.

**Closed Session: Personnel, Contracts, & Leases- General Statutes 143-318.11(a) (1) & (5)**

**Motion** by Dr. Ricks to move that this Board go into closed session. This motion is being made to pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 143-31.118. (a)(1) & (5).

Seconded by Director Ward.

Board convened closed session at 7:40 pm

Board adjourned closed session at 7:57 pm

**Open Session:**

**Motion** by Director Scott to enter back into Opened Session at 7:57pm.

Seconded by Dr. Ricks. Passed without dissent.

**No Actions Taken in Closed Session**

**Two Actions Taken in Opened Session**

**Motion** by Dr. Ricks to accept the recommendations of Executive Director Etheridge.

Seconded by Director Scott. Passed without dissent.

**Motion** by Dr. Ricks to accept the recommendation of NECP Transportation Director Wooten of increasing the Non – First Year Bus Drivers pay per hour to $15.00 an hour.

Seconded by Director Scott.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** by Dr. Ricks to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm.

Seconded by Director Scott. Passed without dissent.

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These minutes were approved by the board on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Board’s Secretary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_