



**Carteret County Retired School Personnel
Betty Huffman Award, Legislative Starlight, Brag Board Award**

**Carteret County Retired School Personnel Minutes for November 12,
2019 11:30 a.m., Sanitary Restaurant**

Call to Order was given by CCRSP President Cathy Neagle. She reflected again that we educators must stand together. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Neagle. Becky Lail gave the devotion and returned thanks for our food.

Members present for the meeting were Cathy Neagle, Rita Mullins, Meg Bradford, Jackie Ramus, Bonnie Ferneau, Unita Hayden, Julia Thorn, Jeannie Potter, Martha Harrelson, Pam Janosky, Becky Lail, Joyce Light, Lucy Bond, Jackie Wooten, Nancy Ustach, Brenda Olmstead, Sherrill Moraven, and Joanne Rittschof.

President Cathy Neagle welcomed our guests: Travis Day, Chairman of the Carteret County Board of Education, and Senator Norman Sanderson. Senator Sanderson had been unable to attend our meeting in October 2019.

Cards were sent to CCRSP members: June Merrill who has had dental surgery and related problems prior to her winter trip to Florida, Faye Nelson who was in a car wreck, and Carrie Campen who is now in a skilled nursing facility. President Cathy Neagle thanked the members for bringing chocolates to use in baskets for American Education Week. A basket will be delivered to each school by CCRSP members.

Members of our group ordered lunch.

Our guest speaker was Travis Day, Chair of the Carteret County Board of Education, and a native of Carteret County. Mr. Day shared information about himself. He earned both an undergraduate degree and a Master's in Business Administration at UNC-Chapel Hill. Mr. Day always loved school, was a good student, and wrestled at West Carteret High School. At

UNC-Chapel Hill, Travis Day became an early proponent of having good computer skills in the workplace. He “fell into teaching” when he was recruited by the university to teach a spreadsheets class so that business students “could get practical skills for the workplace” in order to be successful in the business world. Travis and his wife eventually returned to live in Carteret County. After being very involved in the PTO and Advisory Council, Travis was urged to run for the Board of Education. He was subsequently elected Chairman of the BOE.

The Board of Education has become more political. According to Chairman Day, discussion of the school calendar must balance the needs of schools, students, and parents with county tourism. Currently, the high schools cannot align their schedules with our community college with final exams ending before Christmas. Mr. Day briefly discussed the new class mandated by the General Assembly requiring that students gain skills in personal finance such as how to budget money and how to write checks.

State Senator Norman Sanderson was introduced by President Neagle. He immediately noted that Carteret County Schools have an excellent reputation in the state. Mr. Sanderson majored in education at North Carolina State University because of the influence of his teachers through the years. Senator Sanderson dropped out of NCSU but completed his degree some twenty-five years later. His goal has always been to prepare students to be the best they can be.

After our two speakers, lunch was served.

Money was collected for the Carteret County Public School Foundation. Contributions will be sent to Tabbie Nance at the Central Office.

Copies of the CCRSP Minutes for our October 12, 2019, meeting were available at the sign-in table.

Our Financial Report was presented by Meg Bradford. The checking balance was \$2,259.89. The Share Account totaled \$57.78.

Funds were collected for our scholarship fund (Dollars for Scholars). Martha Harrelson won the door prize, which was decorations for the Thanksgiving table.

CCRSP adopted a new constitution presented by President Neagle. A motion to adopt was made by Julia Thorn and a second by Martha Harrelson. The new constitution was adopted by the group unanimously. Our organization is now on Facebook.

Committee Reports

• **NCAE Liaison—June Vann had surgery and was not present. She will attend the December 10 meeting.**

• **Forms for community service volunteer hours (overseen by Bonnie Freneau and Mildred**

Lancaster) will be the ticket into our Christmas celebration on December 10.

• **Legislative Committee—Joanne Rittschof.**

• **Membership—George Burbella was not present.**

• **Scholarships and Communications—Jane Burbella was not present.**

Announcements:

December 10: 11:30 a.m., CCRSP Christmas meeting at the Sanitary Restaurant. Music and fun will be on the agenda. CCRSP members who cannot attend the meeting on December 10 are asked to call Bonnie Ferneau at 252-247-7435 to report their volunteer hours.

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