

**Meeting Minutes of
National Board of Directors and National Officers
of the National FFA Organization**

Kansas City, Missouri

November 9, 1998

A special meeting of the National FFA Organization Board of Directors and the National FFA officers was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Larry D. Case, Chairperson, in the Kansas City Marriott Downtown hotel. All members of the Board were present except for Coleman Harris, National FFA executive secretary.

Board of Directors:

- Larry D. Case**, Chairperson, Board of Directors and Coordinator, Agricultural & Rural Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
- Belinda G. Chason**, State Supervisor, Agribusiness & Natural Resources Education, Florida Department of Education, Tallahassee, FL
- Ernie Gill**, Program Manager, Agricultural Education, Colorado Community College & Occupational Education System, Denver, CO
- Karen Hutchison**, Education Associate, Agricultural Occupations, State Department of Public Instruction, Dover, DE
- Barbara Kirby**, (USDE Representative), Associate Professor, Agricultural and Extension Education, North Carolina State University, NC
- Ron Reische**, Principal Consultant, Agricultural Education, Secondary Education, Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield, IL
- Nick Siddle**, (USDE Representative), Instructor – Agricultural Education, Sheridan Junior/Senior High School, Sheridan, WY
- Edgar A. Watkins, Jr.**, (USDE Representative), Agricultural Education Teacher, Armwood High School, Seffner, FL
- John K. Wilkinson**, (USDE Representative), State FFA Executive Secretary, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Officers of the Board of Directors:

- Larry D. Case**, National Advisor and CEO; and Coordinator, Agricultural & Rural Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
- K. Eugene Eulinger**, National FFA Treasurer; and District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Jefferson City, MO

Board of National FFA Officers:

- Hillary Smith**, President, Perry, GA
- Dana Fisher**, Eastern Region Vice President, Maurertown, VA
- Amber Miller**, Southern Region Vice President, Louisville, AL
- Cody Nash**, Western Region Vice President, Tolar, TX
- Mark Wilburn**, Central Region Vice President, Laddonia, MO
- Shannon Wilcox**, Secretary, Kenton, OH

Others present for all or portions of the meeting:

Bernie Staller, Chief Operating Officer, National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana

Scott Stump, Convention Manager/Communications Consultant, Communications Resources Team, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana

Bill Stagg, Team Leader, Communications Resources Team, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Randy Bernhardt, Team Leader, Teacher Services Team, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Becky Meyer, Teacher Services Specialist, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Jack Pitzer, Career Show manager and consultant, Alexandria, VA

1. Reflections

Reflections was led by Cody Nash.

2. Approval Of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Shannon Wilcox (Belinda Chason), seconded by Dana Fisher (Ron Reische) and **carried** to approve the minutes of the July 17-19, 1998 National FFA Board of Directors meeting.

The National FFA Organization Governing Committee conference call minutes dated September 9, 1998 were provided for information.

3. Approval of Awards/Degrees to Sponsors and Others

MOTION: Moved by Dana Fisher (Belinda Chason), seconded by Amber Miller (Karen Hutchison) and **carried not to accept** the Agriscience exhibit of Chelsea Hourscht (AZ) for competition at the national level.

MOTION: Moved by Mark Wilburn (John Wilkinson), seconded by Shannon Wilcox (Barbara Kirby) and **carried** to approve that Britny Pavan would be permitted to compete at the Agriscience Fair during national convention.

4. Update on the 71st National FFA Convention

There are 3,200 rooms assigned in Louisville already. Scott Stump explained the process for 1999 housing in Louisville. Jack Pitzer shared information regarding the career show.

5. Reports from the 1997-98 National FFA Officers

The national officers felt that research to design a spanish New Horizons magazine should be conducted. Bernie Staller stated that there is a movement to eliminate bilingual education across the country. The national officers report and the delegate committee report will be presented at the January 1999 Board meeting, the board retreat and other meetings, as appropriate. Attachment

MOTION: Moved by Ernie Gill, seconded by Barbara Kirby and **carried** to accept the 1997-98 National FFA Officer team's final report and to recognize and commend the team for an outstanding job well done.

6. Treasurer's Report

K. Eugene Eulinger, National FFA Treasurer, provided comments and answered questions regarding the audit. Set aside goals were not met and therefore, no funds will go into the Defined Benefit plan for 1998. The treasurer suggested that the Board take official action on a recommendation to the delegates to keep the member dues at \$5.00.

MOTION: **Moved by** Shannon Wilcox (Ron Reische), seconded by Cody Nash (Eddy Watkins) and **carried** to approve the recommendation to the delegates to keep membership dues for 1999-2000 at \$5.00.

MOTION: **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Nick Siddle), seconded by Amber Miller (John Wilkinson) and **carried** to accept the treasurer's report.

7. Finance Committee Report

Karen Hutchison presented the Finance Committee Report. Bernie Staller answered questions regarding the audit. Action on the audit will occur in the January 1999 Board meeting. No motions were presented at this meeting. Karen Hutchison thanked Gene Eulinger for his work as the treasurer.

MOTION: **Moved by** Amber Miller (Belinda Chason), seconded by Shanon Wilcox (Eddie Watkins) and **carried** to approve the finance committee report.

8. Overview of Legal Matters

Bernie Staller explained that the company that purchased the FFA building in Alexandria has formed a company that is similar in name to FFA; lawyers are currently corresponding regarding this matter.

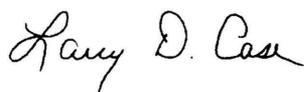
9. January Board Meeting Announcement

The next board meeting will be held January 24-27, 1999 in Alexandria, VA.

10. Closing

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Moved by** Amber Miller (Barbara Kirby), seconded by Shannon Wilcox (Belinda Chason) and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 3:30p.m.



Larry D. Case
Chairperson



C. Coleman Harris
Secretary