



# Board Highlights

**Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent**

**Mrs. Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson**

- The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools.
- All members were present.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited and prayer was offered.
- Under special recognitions:



Shimia Modlin was presented with a framed copy of her artwork appearing in the 2012-2013 Farm to School calendar.



Janice Hunter Butts was recognized as Employee of the Month for Perquimans County Schools for the month of August 2012. Mrs. Butts' outstanding attendance record was among reasons listed for her recent recognition. She has earned perfect attendance 13 of her 15 years driving a bus since 1997.



Mrs. Stacey Pierce was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Dominion Power. The grant will be used for field trips and supplemental reading materials for all students at Perquimans County Central School.



Mrs. Pam Griffin was recognized and honored for her retirement after having served 25 years at Perquimans County Middle School. Special awards and honors for Mrs. Griffin included National Board Teacher Certification, Teacher of the Year for PCMS and NCMSA Region I Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Griffin has returned as a long-term substitute at the high school for Mrs. Hannah Saunders.



Megan Clayton, Teresa Beardsley, Sandra Cooper and Amy Craddock were recognized as 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year for their respective schools.

- The minutes of the July 25, 2012, July 31, 2012 and August 6, 2012 meetings were approved as presented.
- The agenda and addendum for the meeting were approved as presented.
- The board approved the personnel summary (and addendum) report as presented.
- Douglas Johnson requested to speak before the Board of Education regarding a student matter. This was delayed until the end of the meeting in order that concern could be heard in closed session, as it related to confidential student matters.
- There was no old business.
- Under new business, Chiquita Sutton, EC Teacher at Perquimans Central School, discussed plans to reactivate the Special Olympics in Perquimans County. Currently, students are participating in events at Northeastern High School on an annual basis, but Ms. Sutton's desire is to engage students (present and past) to participate in such activities and for Perquimans County to have enough interest to have its own Special Olympics Teams.
- Assistant Superintendent James Bunch discussed Early Graduation Procedures to help guide students who may choose to graduate earlier than normal to either begin their college study or career choice.
- Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the budget resolution for 2012-2013 was approved, as presented by Finance Officer Candy Tilley.
- Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Steve Magaro, the board entered into an agreement with Fortress Systems International for the Bus Security Camera Project in the amount of \$53,846.24, as presented. The bid covers the cost of cameras, installation and training.
- The board approved revisions to the 2012-2013 School Calendar. Changes include:
  - 1) Removing Early Release Days for PCS, HGS and PCMS on May 16th and May 17th;
  - 2) Adding Early Release Days for PCS, HGS and PCMS on June 5th and June 6th;

3) Replacing Annual Leave Days in April with five days recently awarded all school employees by the state legislature. These are additional bonus leave days employees receive (if employed as of July 1st) and the change will allow you to save your annual leave days. You will receive more information on this matter in your September paycheck.

**A copy of the revised calendar is attached.**

- The board approved the revised Board Meeting Calendar for 2012-2013.



# Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings reported on the first day of school, the numbers of students, and issues relating to transportation which were appropriately addressed with assistance of local law enforcement. Traffic congestion is always an issue on the first day of school for elementary schools.
- Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings shared student handbooks with board members.
- Board Members discuss possible dates for touring the schools in 2012-2013.
- Board Members discussed the NCSBA Awards and opportunity for nominations to the NCSBA Board of Directors.
- Following announcements, board members entered closed session regarding a confidential student matter and personnel matters. No action was taken upon return to open session.