



Board Highlights

Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent

Mrs. Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

- The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 24th, 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. The meeting began with a standing ovation in recognition of efforts made by the school district and entire community, following the bus accident last Thursday.
- Under special recognitions:



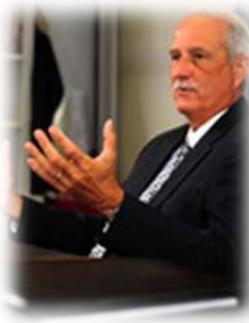
April Benton was recognized as the Nominee for the Eastern Region for the 2012 North Carolina School Library Media Association Media Coordinator of the Year Award.



Brianne Jennings Woodley was recognized as the 2012 EC Teacher of Excellence for Perquimans County Schools.

- The minutes of the August 27, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.
- The agenda for the meeting was approved as presented, with the removal of closed session and the addition of a public comment (regarding length of school bus routes).
- The board approved the personnel summary report as presented.
- Under old business, the board approved the Early Graduation Procedures, as presented by Principal Lassiter. (Attached.)
- Under new business, James Bunch presented information regarding the 2012-2013 Driver's Education Budget. It is anticipated that the allocation of \$30,000 from the state will be sufficient. However, if a student enrolled in the course is not successful and needs to retake the course, there will be a fee to the student of \$30.
- Wallace Nelson was approved as the (Board of Education) representative for the 2012-2013 STEM Community Advisory Committee. The first meeting will be October 15th at 11:30 a.m. in Edenton, North Carolina. The program is a collaborative effort between Perquimans County Schools and Edenton Chowan County Schools.

- The board approved budget amendments, as presented by Finance Officer Candy Tilley.
- Arlene Yates, Walter Leigh and Susan Cox were named as voting delegates for the NCSBA Annual Conference to be held in November in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- The board voted to approve a proposal with Stan Morgan in the amount of \$1,200 to update salary schedules for the Perquimans County School System as presented.



Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings provided an overview of events and activities, following the bus accident last Thursday. The Board of Education members expressed appreciation to all involved in responding to the incident and the follow-up required.
- Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings announced that School Improvement Plans will be presented to the Board of Education in October. School Improvement Plans are no longer required by the state; however, the local school district continues to require same.
- It was approved by the Board of Education to recommend Wallace Nelson for the Raleigh Dingman Award and to recommend the County Commissioners for the NCSBA award recognizing Commissioners that have demonstrated extraordinary leadership that advances student achievement.
- The Board of Education will be touring Perquimans Central School and Hertford Grammar School on Monday, October 1, 2012, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The tour for Perquimans Middle School and Perquimans High School is scheduled for February 11, 2013.
- Ralph Hollowell expressed appreciation to Andrea Greene, Brenda Dail, Peggy Griffin and other school employees for working with parents on concerns recently raised regarding AIG services at Perquimans County Middle School. He specifically appreciates the time dedicated to addressing parents through conferencing and education.



Perquimans County High School Early Graduation Procedures

For Early Graduation, a Student Must:

- Show satisfactory mastery of high school academic skills and concepts;
- The last semester of enrollment as a full-time student must be in Perquimans County High School;
- Meet the graduation course and testing requirements that were in effect the year he/she entered ninth grade for the first time.

Schools will be under no obligation to alter schedules to accommodate students who desire to graduate early.

Students may not exceed 18 hours of college credit in any given semester. In addition, students will not be allowed to enroll in two core classes within the same scheduling block for the purpose of early graduation.

Procedures for Early Graduation

The parent(s)/court appointed custodian(s) of a student may request early graduation for the student by filing a written request with the school principal at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the student's last semester of expected enrollment.

The principal, with a committee of the local school staff, considers the request and makes a determination to approve or deny early graduation. This must be done prior to the first day of student's final semester. The request will be reviewed on an individual case-by-case basis, subject to the criteria stated above. Appeals regarding the decision of early graduation should be made to the Superintendent.

Students who plan to complete college admission requirements early in their high school career are encouraged to meet with their school counselor regarding college opportunities.

Mid-Year Graduation (After seven semesters)

Seniors, who wish to graduate at the mid-year of their senior year through acceleration, need to review their credits and all local requirements prior to the beginning of the seventh semester.

"Perquimans County Schools encourages students to participate in the Career/College Program where students may receive free tuition while enrolled in college courses."