The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 27th 2017 in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools.

The following Board members were present: Amy Spaugh (Chair), Dr. Anne White (Vice-Chair), Arlene Yates, Russell Lassiter and Leary Winslow.

Arlene Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance and Leary Winslow voiced prayer.

The Board agenda with addendums was approved as presented.

Good News

Connie Ashley, Helen Lane and Heather Rountree from Perquimans Central School and Michelle Swinney from Perquimans County Middle School were recognized for receiving Bright Ideas Grants.

Under the North Carolina Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Initiative, Perquimans Central School was recognized for being a Model School for 2016-2017 and Hertford Grammar achieved the Green Ribbon status for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans County High School were recognized for attaining academic growth for the 2016-2017 school.
Perquimans Central School Principal, Melissa Fields with Superintendent Cheeseman- PBIS Model School

Hertford Grammar School Principal, Jason Griffin and Lynn Jordan, school counselor with Mr. Cheeseman- PBIS Green Ribbon School

Heather Rountree, Pre-K teacher and Helen Lane, Kindergarten teacher with Mr. Cheeseman- Bright Ideas Grant recipients

Hertford Grammar School’s Principal, Jason Griffin and Melissa Fields, 2016-2017 Principal Perquimans County High School with Superintendent Cheeseman- School of Academic Growth
Minutes/Consent Agenda/Student Transfer Request

- The Board approved the minutes of the October 23, 2017 Board of Education meeting and the minutes of the October 18, 2017 Board Retreat.

- The Consent Agenda including an addendum regarding Personnel Items and Student Transfer Requests were approved as presented.

- There were no requests for public comment.

Unfinished Business

Consideration of Board Policies

- The Board will revisit Policy 2670 at the December meeting.

- The Board voted to adopt the revised version of Policy 3460 Graduation Requirements as presented.

New Business

- The Board accepted the auditor’s report of the financial statements of the Perquimans County Board of Education for year ending June 30, 2017.

- The Board voted to approve State Public School Fund- Amendment #3, Capital Outlay Fund- Amendment #2 and Other Specific Revenue Fund- Amendment #3 as presented by Director of Finance, Candy Tilley.


- Assistant Superintendent James Bunch presented the School Health Advisory Plan for 2017-2019. The Committee will reconvene to discuss, address and insert a section on concussion. The Committee will bring a recommendation to the board at the December meeting.

- The Board voted to approve an overnight field trip to Washington, D.C. for fifth grade students at Hertford Grammar in the spring.

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The Board voted approve the PCHS grade level promotion requirements as presented by PCHS Principal, Wayne Price. Mr. Price said the goal is to enable students to begin taking high school credits as early as eighth grade in order to have the opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma and an associate’s degree.

The Board voted to approve the application for lottery funding for bleachers, press box, and foundation for the Athletic Complex as presented by Maintenance Director, Jim Davison.

Reports/Updates

Jim Davison, Maintenance Director presented the Master Plan for the Athletic Complex to the Board. He stated that the land transfer has been initiated from Dr. Nixon. Mr. Davison, Superintendent Cheeseman and Dr. Nixon will meet on December 13th to discuss more details about the land transfer and the Athletic Complex.

The Board voted to approve the Transportation Plan pending approval by the Town of Hertford. As proposed, the plan would include a reduction in speed in front of and leading up to Hertford Grammar, Perquimans Middle and Perquimans High as determined by a licensed State Engineer.

Maintenance Director, Jim Davison informed the Board on the progress towards an updated Science Laboratory at Perquimans High School.

Superintendent Cheeseman updated the Board on the success of the first annual Stuff the Bus event that was held on November 11th at the Walmart Shopping Center parking lot. He credited board member, Arlene Yates for her innovative idea. Mr. Cheeseman invited board members to attend one of the remaining Stuff the Bus events scheduled for December 9th and 16th at the same location from 10:00-2:00 pm.

Cynthia Perry, Director of Innovation and Policy announced that Perquimans County Schools was recently awarded a Coding and Mobile App Development Grant in the amount of $22,500. The grant was co-written by Jill Cohen, CTE Director and Cynthia Perry, Director of Innovation and Policy. The grant provides a 38% increase in the amount of money available to PQ Schools CTE program.

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Reports/ Updates

- Assistant Superintendent James Bunch presented Student Discipline Data for the month of October.

Superintendent’s Report

- Mr. Cheeseman provided an update to the board about the recent Joint Education Steering Committee meeting between the Board of Education Chair, Amy Spaugh, Superintendent Cheeseman, County Manager Frank Heath and County Commissioner Wallace Nelson. Members of the committee discussed the Athletic Complex funding, fiscal impacts of the reduction of funds for Title 1 and Title 2 and HB13.

- Superintendent Cheeseman stated that the Masonboro Group will present the 2017-2018 Funding Formula at the county commissioners’ work session scheduled for January 16, 2017.

- Mr. Cheeseman provided information from the NCSBA Conference that he attended with Leary Winslow and Dr. White, regarding 1, 2, and 4 year Teacher Contracts.

- Cynthia Perry, Director of Innovation & Policy presented information regarding a Title IV SSAE Grant that the district recently received in the amount of $16,358.00 to be utilized at PCMS to promote safe and healthy schools. Mrs. Perry provided details from the November 20th SSAE meeting between administration and community members.

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Superintendent’s Report

- Mr. Cheeseman commended Cynthia Perry, Director of Innovation & Policy on her efforts to complete The Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP). All grant applications associated with CCIP were scheduled to be submitted November 28, 2017.

- Superintendent Cheeseman provided information to the board regarding the NERESA Fall Leadership Conference in Dare County. He stated that administrators from Central Office, Perquimans Central, Hertford Grammar, Perquimans Middle and Perquimans High were in attendance. He applauded Mary Kay Peele for helping with the conference logistics.

- Mr. Cheeseman presented information from the NCSBA Annual Conference that he attended with board members Leary Winslow and Dr. Anne White. He commended Jason Griffin, Wells Fargo NC Principal of the Year, for presenting at the conference.

- Mr. Cheeseman informed the board about the Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for December 14th at 4:30 PM at Perquimans Middle School.

- Dr. Norris Parker updated board members on HB13 stating that Perquimans County Schools is currently in compliance. He indicated that he is already investigating trends for the 2017-2018 school year.

Announcements

- The next regular Perquimans County Schools Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office.

- Perquimans County Schools and Central Office will be closed from December 21, 2017 through January 1, 2017.

Board Chair’s Comments

- Amy Spaugh thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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