

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – April 23, 2012

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools. Board members in attendance included Arlene Yates, Amy Spaugh, Susan Cox, Ralph Hollowell and Walter Leigh. Wallace Nelson was absent.

Board Chair Arlene Yates called the meeting to order. Susan Cox led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Ralph Hollowell opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Special Recognitions

Superintendent Dr. Dwayne Stallings and Jonathan Nixon, Director of Maintenance, Construction and Custodial Services, recognized custodians for the Grade "A" rating their schools received on the recent quarterly custodial inspection. Custodians recognized included:

Perquimans Central School

Richard Spann, Jr.
Sandra Bizzell
Mary Williams
Ronald Wilson

Perquimans County Middle School

Webb Jackson
June Hunter
Eassie Revell
Elmer Rumble

Hertford Grammar School

Robert Banks
Willie Downing
Joyce Hunter

Perquimans County High School

Quinton Brickhouse
Bernadette Ferebee
T.J. Harrell
Annette Johnson
Doris Lane
Elizabeth Tavares

Board of Education

Ruby Hughes

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2012 regular meeting and the April 5, 2012 special session (budget work session) as presented.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Transfer Requests Report for April 23, 2012 as presented.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report for April 23, 2012 as presented.

Dr. Stallings introduced Mrs. Candy Tilley, the new Finance Officer for Perquimans County Schools. Mrs. Tilley will officially begin her duties on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Old Business

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed school calendar for 2012-2013 which includes the five days waived for professional development as granted by State Superintendent Dr. June Atkinson.

New Business

Mr. James Bunch provided a brief overview about the implementation of the new Common Core and Essential Standards, the new standard course of study which will begin next school year. He noted that professional development dates had been set based on the three-year plan. This year system-wide professional development was scheduled on August 24th, October 28th, January 17th and March 23rd. There will be a week-long training session June 11-15 and Common Core Wednesdays will be held during the summer. Teachers, directors and administrators have attended various trainings throughout the year. Our students will benefit as a result of this planning and training.

Mrs. Linda L. White, Principal of Hertford Grammar School, presented information on how the Common Core and Essential Standards are being shared with parents and the community.

Mrs. Jill Cohen, Instructional Facilitator at Perquimans County High School, presented information on what the Common Core Standards are, major components, professional development, college connection, and photos of inquiry-based learning, field trips and after school enrichment. Mrs. Cohen also spoke about national assessments and North Carolina's College Career Promise.

In regard to the Common Core and Essential Standards training, Dr. Stallings shared a copy of the summer calendar for 2012 which includes dates for staff development, conferences, orientation sessions and other training.

The Board conducted a first reading of revised board policies which included Section 8000 – Fiscal Management and Section 9000 – Facilities. Formal action will be taken at the May board meeting.

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Local Current Expense Budget for 2012-2013 as presented.

Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Capital Outlay Budget for 2012-2013 as presented contingent upon legislative action in regard to privatization of NC Pre-K (regarding the request for funding for a modular unit).

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #15 – State Fund, as presented.

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #16 – Capital Outlay Fund, as presented.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to purchase playground equipment for Perquimans Central School from the low bidder, Park and Playground Systems, at a cost of \$27,950.00. This equipment will be purchased with funds from Capital Outlay, Pre-K, Perquimans Central School PTA, Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc., and the Albemarle Community Trust. It is estimated that the project will be completed by mid-June. The equipment will accommodate students ages two through twelve and will be handicap accessible.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stallings presented the list of bus drivers with perfect attendance for March 2012. He noted that there were fourteen bus drivers with perfect attendance for the month of March and three with perfect attendance for the year to date.

Dr. Stallings shared an invitation to board members from the Chamber of Commerce to attend the 2012 Northeast Legislative Summit on Friday, April 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at The Pines in Elizabeth City. Confirmed speakers include Sen. Ed Jones, Sen. Stan White, Rep. Annie Mobley, Rep. Bill Owens and Rep. Tim Spear.

Dr. Stallings also announced that the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee will be recommending to the legislature that there be further study on the issue of the prohibition on teacher prepayment and that the provision, which is part of the School and Teacher Paperwork Reduction Act of 2011, be repealed.

Board Chair's Comments

None

Announcements

- Budget Presentation to County Commissioners, Monday, May 14, 2012, 7:30 p.m., Commissioners Meeting Room, Perquimans County Courthouse Annex
- Board of Education Special Session, Monday, May 14, 2012, 6:30 p.m., location TBA
- Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, May 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent

**Perquimans County Board of Education
Special Session (Joint Work Session) – April 23, 2012**

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session for a joint work session with County Commissioners on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools. Board members in attendance included Arlene Yates, Amy Spaugh, Susan Cox, Ralph Hollowell and Walter Leigh. Wallace Nelson was absent.

Until the chair and/or vice-chair arrived, Board Member Walter Leigh presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order, led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

Dr. Stallings welcomed the County Commissioners to the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda for the evening.

Director of Maintenance, Construction and Custodial Services Jonathan Nixon provided a report on the auction held in August 2011. He noted that the proceeds from the auction, which amounted to \$8,535.58, were used to meet furniture needs at each of the four schools. Furniture purchased included tables and chairs for EC classroom at Perquimans County High School; desks and chairs for classrooms at Perquimans County Middle School; horseshoe tables, desks and chairs for classrooms at Hertford Grammar School; and horseshoe tables, desks and chairs for classrooms at Perquimans Central School.

Mr. Nixon also provided a report on the third quarter utilities report noting that expenses to date totaled \$424,116.14 or 60.94% of the 2011-2012 budget for electric service, water/sewage and natural gas. He also shared a list of energy savings projects for 2010-2011 that have been completed with funding realized from energy savings. The costs of these projects totaled \$72,667.16. Energy savings projects for 2011-2012 that are complete or in progress for 2011-2012 total \$70,447.58.

Dr. Stallings presented a PowerPoint presentation on funding for the 2012-2013 school year. His presentation included a summary of eliminated positions and reductions in force in the LEAs for 2008-2009 to 2011-2012; public school trends: growing population, fewer dollars and growing population served by fewer adults; a summary of unemployment, free/reduced lunch, property value/student, teacher turnover and percentage of poverty for LEAs in the NERESA; reduction of funds for the 2012-2013 school year; Perquimans County Schools' Low Wealth Fund History; Perquimans County Schools positions and months of employment eliminated from 2009-2010 to 2011-2012; and the impact of the Budget Control Act's Across-the-Board Reductions (sequestration). As far as the budget impact on programs in Perquimans County Schools, Dr. Stallings noted that funds which previously funded the extended school day in Perquimans County have for the most part ceased. He provided a history of extended school day in Perquimans; the future of extended school day; and activities provided by extended school day funds.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent