Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – February 25, 2013

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools. Board members in attendance included Arlene Yates, Walter Leigh, Susan Cox, Steven Magaro and Wallace Nelson. Walter Leigh was absent, but participated in the meeting via speaker phone.

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

Special Recognitions

The Perquimans County Middle School Girls' Basketball Team was recognized as the 2012-2013 Albemarle Athletic Conference Champions. Coaches Shane Evans, Kendall Cox and Dexter Jackson-Heard thanked the girls for their team work and congratulated them on their winning season. Members of the team included: Daisia Leary, Autumn Bateman, De'Jha Rogers, Tamya Foreman, Brandy Downing, Jessicah Brown, Rachel Lane, Carmen Thornton, Kalen Thornton, Cabrisha Downing, Chelsea Nixon, Zakiyah Lumsden, Alexis Harris, and Chyna Elliott. On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Stallings presented the team, coaches and administration with a championship t-shirt.

Superintendent Stallings recognized Mr. Rex Raiford from North Carolina State University's Industrial Extension Service who presented certificates to staff who recently completed the Commercial Energy Coordinator training. Staff earning certification included Dottie Best, Eddie Fowler, Pete Mansfield, Jonathan Nixon, and Darrell Swinney. The training included instruction in energy savings and a structured plan for future energy use. The training was provided through a grant from the Northeastern Workforce Development Board's Sustainability Initiative in partnership with NCSU's Industrial Extension Service.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Steven Magaro and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the following meetings as presented: January 28, 2013 work session; January 28, 2013 regular session; February 18, 2013 joint work session with County Commissioners; and February 18, 2013 special session.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and addenda to the Consent Agenda (Personnel Summary Report) and New Business (Overnight Field Trips) as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendations regarding personnel items as presented in the Personnel Summary Report and addendum for February 25, 2013.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

There was a request from the public to speak; however, due to the confidential nature of the student matter, the item was deferred to the end of the agenda during closed session.

Note: Walter Leigh joined the meeting via speaker phone at 7:35 p.m.

Old Business

Upon motion by Steven Magaro and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the revised board policies listed below as presented:

1310/4002	Parental Involvement
1320/3560	Title I Parent Involvement
1510/4200/7270	School Safety
2430	Dissemination and Preservation of Policies
3300	School Calendar and Time for Learning
3405	Students At-Risk of Academic Failure
3430	School Improvement Plan
3460	Graduation Requirements
4050	Children of Military Families
4150	School Assignment
4152	Unsafe School Choice Transfer
4153 (delete)	School Improvement Choice Transfer
4155	Assignment to Classes
4331	Assaults, Threats and Harassment
4335	Criminal Behavior
4700	Student Records
5000	Schools and the Community
5020	Visitors to the Schools
5120	Relationship with Law Enforcement
6220	Operation of Student Food Services
7120	Employee Health Certificate

New Business

Although the State no longer requires the Safe Schools Applications, Dr. Stallings noted that the district continues to conduct safety assessments and provide a yearly presentation to the Board. Principals and school staff presented the 2012-2013 Safe Schools Applications. Each presentation included list of Safe School Committee members, Student Code of Conduct, measurable goals and objectives, trainings, prevention and intervention, future safety requests, communication, school incident command system assignments, and response kit checklist. Board members and administration recognized the efforts of Jonathan Nixon and the Safe Schools Committees at each school for the work they do to keep our campuses safe places to learn and work.

The Board conducted a first reading of the proposed school calendar for 2013-2014. Action will be taken at the March meeting. At the request of the Board, Dr. Stallings will investigate the procedure for requesting a waiver for calendar flexibility and share that information with the Board.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve budget amendments as follows: Local Current Expense Fund – Amendment #5; State Public School Fund – Amendment #6; and Other Specific Revenue Fund – Amendment #5 as presented.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to reappropriate Fund 8 revenues from deferred revenue to fund balance, specifically items 1-7, 9 and 12, for grants that had balances at the end of FY2012, as suggested by the auditors.

Dr. Stallings and Finance Officer Candy Tilley presented the Monthly Financial Report for January 2013. The report showed the budget, amount spent, remaining budget and percent spent for each PRC in the State, Local, Federal, Capital Outlay, Child Nutrition and Other budgets.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following overnight field trips, including the addendum:

February 28, 2013 – March 1, 2013
North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC
GEAR UP

March 15 – 16, 2013
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
GEAR UP

March 19 – 20, 2013
University of North Carolina – Asheville, NC
GEAR UP

May 2 – 3, 2013
National Capitol and surrounding museums, Washington, D.C.
Hertford Grammar School 5th Grade Students

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stallings presented the list of bus drivers with perfect attendance for January 2013. He noted that there were twelve bus drivers with perfect attendance for the month of January and six with perfect attendance for the year to date.

Dr. Stallings mentioned scheduling the visits with legislators as recommended by the NCSBA Governmental Relations Department, noting that Tuesdays or Wednesdays were the best days to visit. Board members will look at their April calendars and send possible dates to Mary Kay Peele.

The Board will conduct a budget work session on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., immediately following the PCSF, Inc. meeting which will be held at 6:00 p.m.

The next joint work session with the County Commissioners will be held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Building. The Board of Education regular meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

At the request of the Board, a demonstration of the meeting tool, *e-Board*, will be scheduled during an upcoming meeting at no cost to the Board. The yearly subscription cost for the meeting package is $6,700, according to Currituck County which has been using the tool for several years.

In regard to the sequestration, Dr. Stallings distributed a copy of a form created by the AASA which allows school districts to enter the amount of the 11-12 funding level and the amount of the proposed 5.3% cut which would amount to $63,993.36 for Perquimans County. The form will be sent to legislators in Washington, D.C. to show how the proposed cuts will affect our district and our students.

A sign has been erected on the property across from the high school informing the public of the plans for the athletic facility and where to call/send donations for the project.

Board Chair's Comments

Chair Arlene Yates read a thank you note from Teresa Beardsley for the Board's recognition of her involvement in the STRONG program.

Announcements

- Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, March 25, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building

Closed Session

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously at 9:17 p.m. to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) regarding personnel matters and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) regarding student matters.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously at 10:20 to return to open session.

No action was taken after the Board returned to open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

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Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent