Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – July 25, 2012

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 25, 2012 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. Ralph Hollowell 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.

Perquimans County Clerk of Court Todd Tilley administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected board member, Steven Magaro, and re-elected board members, Susan Cox and Arlene Yates.

Following the Oath of Office, in accordance with Board Policy 2120, board members signed a code of ethics statement that included the provisions in the policy.

In accordance with Board Policy 2200, the Superintendent served as the chairperson of the board for the purpose of conducting the election of the chairperson. After Dr. Stallings opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair, Walter Leigh nominated Arlene Yates. There being no further nominations, Rev. Leigh moved that the nominations be closed. All board members were in agreement that the nominations be closed. Mrs. Yates was elected Board Chair by acclamation.

Board Chair Arlene Yates opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Mrs. Yates nominated Walter Leigh. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Yates moved that the nominations be closed. All board members were in agreement that the nominations be closed. Rev. Leigh was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

Special Recognitions
None

Approval of Minutes
Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2012 regular meeting and the June 25, 2012 special session as presented.

Approval of Agenda
Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented, including an addendum which included additional personnel items for the Consent Agenda and an additional item under New Business, Item F., Consideration of Bid for PCMS Restroom Renovation Project.

Consent Agenda
Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Transfer Requests Report for July 25, 2012 as presented.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report and addendum for July 25, 2012 as presented.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public
None

Old Business

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following revised board policies:

3101 – College Courses, Distance Learning Courses and other Curriculum Expansions
4400 – Attendance
7620 – Payroll Deductions
7810 – Evaluation of Licensed Employees
9000 – Planning to Address Facility Needs

After a brief discussion, upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Board Policy 3650 – Release of Dropouts, which matches the current board policy. The policy states students who drop out of Perquimans County High School will not be able to go to a community college and get their high school diploma before their peer group graduates.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the board meeting calendar for 2012-2013. Prior to the vote, the Board decided to meet on Tuesday, May 28, 20123 for the regular May meeting since Monday, May 27, 2013 is a holiday (Memorial Day). It also decided that the Board Retreat would be held on Thursday and Friday, October 11-12, 2012. The Superintendent will bring two or three dates to the Board as options for the Tour of Schools.

New Business

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch presented information on the Gear Up NC Grant which was recently awarded to Perquimans County Schools. Gear Up is a seven-year grant totaling $835,000 which will be used for student to gain early awareness and readiness for undergraduate programs. The goals of the grant are to increase academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education; to increase the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education; and to increase GEAR UP students and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing. Mr. Bunch noted that the GEAR UP Grant provides for a GEAR UP Coordinator and a GEAR UP Family and Community Liaision. He also illustrated the cohorts of students that will be served with this grant over the seven-year period. Board members voiced their appreciation to Mr. Bunch for his efforts in obtaining grants for the school system. The Board also requested information, perhaps at the Board Retreat, on the performance and success of Perquimans graduates at the college level.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to include Perquimans County Middle School on the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement as a secondary location for an emergency shelter in Perquimans County as recommended by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

Jonathan Nixon, Director of Maintenance, Construction and Custodial Services, presented information on utility usage for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Mr. Nixon's report showed that the total amount spent in 2011-2012 for electricity, $456,888.00, and natural gas, $55,739.23, was less than the amount spent for those utilities in 2010-2011 (electricity, $508,698.17; natural gas, $81,209.07). The cost for water in 2011-2012 ($47,428.02), however, exceeded the cost of water in 2010-2011 ($35,788.30) by $11,639.72. Mr. Nixon noted that Perquimans Central School uses more water due to having a different HVAC system than the other schools. Mr. Nelson suggested checking into using well-generated water for the cooling tower at Perquimans Central rather than purchasing water from the town. Mr. Nixon also noted that the total utilities cost per square foot was $1.60 for 2011-2012 compared to $1.79 for 2010-2011. He also illustrated the number of heating and cooling degree days in 2010-2011 compared to 2011-2012, noting that the lower number of days indicated better weather in the 2011-2012 school year.

After discussing the differences in bids for the HVAC controls retrofit, the Board took the following action. Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to enter an agreement with

Environcon, Inc. for the Perquimans Central School HVAC controls upgrade in the amount of $18,798.00 as presented.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board unanimously elected Walter Leigh to serve on the Perquimans County Schools Foundation Board for 2012-2013.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to enter an agreement with Standard Tile in the amount of $9,730.00 for the Perquimans County Middle School Restroom Renovation Project. Jonathan Nixon noted this project included the girls and boys restrooms on the 7th grade hall at the school.

Superintendent's Report

At the request of the Board, Dr. Stallings reported the following information from the Transportation Department regarding the district's fleet of activity buses:

Activity Bus	Year	Description	Odometer
8109	1987	IHC ACTIVITY BUS	133470.0
8113	1990	CHEVY ACTIVITY BUS	175221.0
8120	1997	CHEVY ACTIVITY BUS	99877.0
8121	2000	FREIGHTLINER ACTIVITY BUS	98981.0
8126	2004	INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY BUS	102959.0

Dr. Stallings noted that activity bus replacement may be a part of the capital outlay request next year. He added that Perquimans County High School will be in a different conference next year and dependable transportation is needed.

Dr. Stallings stated that the current enrollment for the district is 1,776 students. At Perquimans Central School, there are eight Kindergarten classes, eight 1st Grade classes and seven 2nd Grade classes. This leaves room for only one Pre-K classroom at Perquimans Central which will serve 18 students. With the growing number of Kindergarten students, Dr. Stallings stated there might not be space available for Pre-K at the school next year. At this time, Pre-K is not a requirement of the State of North Carolina. Hopefully, these students can be served in other areas of the county. Perquimans Central School Principal Melissa Fields stated that 60 students were screened for Pre-K on July 31st and briefly described the selection criteria. Mr. Magaro asked about facility concerns as far as students moving through the system. Dr. Stallings indicated that space is not an issue at Perquimans Middle School and Perquimans High School as it is at Perquimans Central and Hertford Grammar.

Dr. Stallings announced that he had received information from NCSBA regarding new awards for November 2012. These awards include Leadership Award for School Board Member, Leadership Award for School Board, Award for Excellence in Educational Programs and Award for Excellence in Architectural Design. Copies of this information will be provided to board members and discussed at the next meeting.

Board Chair's Comments

Board Chair Arlene Yates thanked the Board for working together as a team for what is best for our students. She welcomed Mr. Magaro to the Board and congratulated Rev. Leigh on his election as Vice Chair.

Announcement

Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, August 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building

Closed Session

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously at 8:31 p.m. to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) regarding personnel matters.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously at 9:30 p.m. to return to open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

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Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent