

Perquimans County Board of Education
Special Session – April 3, 2015

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session on Friday, April 3, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. in the 7th Grade Teacher Resource Room at Perquimans County Middle School in Winfall, North Carolina. Board members Susan Cox, Arlene Yates, Ralph Hollowell, Amy Spaugh and Anne White were in attendance. Steven Magaro participated via speaker phone.

Board Chairman Susan Cox called the meeting to order. Arlene Yates opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Anne White and seconded by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Dr. Stallings asked Technology Director Victor Eure to present the item of business to the Board. Mr. Eure stated that it is time for the current wireless infrastructure in our schools to be updated and explained a possible funding opportunity available to accomplish this through E-Rate and Race to the Top (RttT) funding.

Mr. Eure presented Attachment #1 which was a matrix comparing different qualities of seven companies which could provide either wireless access points, switches, and install/configure access points and switches or all three of these operations. In the final calculations, ANC Xirrus had the highest total rating. Therefore, upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and seconded by Anne White, the Board voted unanimously to select ANC as the vendor in the NCDPI WiFi project to provide wireless access points, switches, and installation/configuration of the access points and switches for all four schools in our district for the amount of \$193,106.31.

Mr. Eure presented Attachment #2 which was a matrix comparing different qualities of four companies which could provide cable installation. Three companies provided bids and one company did not respond by the deadline. In the final calculations, Centurylink had the highest total rating. Therefore, upon motion by Arlene Yates and seconded by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to select Centurylink as the vendor in the NCDPI WiFi project to provide cabling for all four schools in our district for the amount of \$96,108.74.

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and seconded by Anne White, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the submission of the high density WiFi project for our district for E-Rate funding and to implement the project contingent on approval of 80% of the funding from E-Rate and 20% of the funding from Race to the Top (RttT). It is the understanding of the Board of Education that NCDPI will allocate RttT grant funds to meet the 20% funding contribution required from the school district.

Board Chair Susan Cox thanked Mr. Eure for taking the initiative in situations such as this and putting Perquimans County Schools in the forefront when it comes to technology for our school district.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:17 a.m.

Susan B. Cox, Board Chair

Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent