

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – June 29, 2016

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools in Hertford, North Carolina. Board members Susan Cox, Arlene Yates, Ralph Hollowell, Steven Magaro, Amy Spaugh, and Anne White were in attendance.

Board Chair Susan Cox called the meeting to order. Ralph Hollowell led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Steven Magaro opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented, including the addendum to the Student Transfer Report.

Special Recognition

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch recognized Child Nutrition Director Donna Harris who will retire from Perquimans County Schools effective July 1, 2016. Mr. Bunch thanked Mrs. Harris for her many years of dedicated service to Perquimans County Schools and the students who attend our schools. Mrs. Harris thanked the Board for their confidence in her and the opportunity to serve the school system and the students.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Anne White and seconded by Arlene Yates, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 special session as presented. Mr. Bunch addressed Dr. White's question regarding the status of the letter grade for Perquimans County Middle School.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Transfer Requests Report for June 29, 2016 as presented, including the addendum. Dr. White suggested that a study be done of the student transfer requests as it appears the district is losing more students than it is gaining.

Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report for June 29, 2016 as presented. Mr. Bunch and Mrs. Candy Tilley addressed Mr. Hollowell's question about the current vacancies in the school district.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

2016-2019 Local AIG Plan

Director Brenda Dail presented a summary of the 2016-2019 AIG Plan. The summary included a copy of the General Statute 115C-150.5 Academically or Intellectually Gifted Students, an introduction, as well as an overview of the changes to the Perquimans County School AIG Plan

for 2016-2019. She outlined how Perquimans County Schools will address each of the six standards which are provided by the state. There are currently 29 teachers in the district who are AIG licensed and 9.4% of students in Perquimans County are identified as academically or intellectually gifted. A copy of the projected budget of \$89,085.00 showed how the money will be used to serve the students in our district. Mr. Hollowell, who serves on the AIG Committee, noted that teachers provide a great deal of input and take very seriously how the students are served. Mr. Magaro stated the content of the plan was good, but voiced his concerns about the use of numerous acronyms without first stating what they represent.

Upon motion by Steven Magaro and seconded by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2016-2019 Local AIG Plan as presented.

Finance

Budget Amendments

Finance Director Candy Tilley expressed her appreciation to the Board for moving the meeting to late June to provide her and her staff time to close out the fiscal year. Mrs. Tilley explained in detail the increases and decreases for each of the four amendments and entertained questions and comments posed by board members pertaining to items in the amendments. There was a lengthy discussion regarding money paid to the state due to pension spiking. Board members asked Mrs. Tilley to check on the current superintendent contract to make sure the district will not have to pay this money in the future. Mrs. Tilley also noted that \$65,000.00 is being appropriated from Fund Balance that will be needed for this fiscal year. Mrs. Tilley did not distribute the monthly financial report for June since some checks were just written; however, she did share the percentages spent for each of the funds. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Tilley and her staff for their hard work. Mrs. Tilley also thanked her staff for all they do and for all the hours they have put in to get the work done.

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Anne White, the Board voted unanimously to approve State Public School Fund Budget Amendment #8, Local Current Expense Fund Budget Amendment #2, Federal Grants Fund Budget Amendment #5, and Other Specific Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #7 as presented.

2016-2017 Continuation Budget Resolution

Candy Tilley presented the Continuation Budget Resolution for 2016-2017 which is needed to continue operating effective July 1, 2016 until the budget resolution for 2016-2017 is approved. The continuing resolution for 2016-2017 is the budget resolution that was adopted for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Mrs. Tilley entertained questions from Mr. Magaro about the wording of the continuing resolution regarding parameters such as length of time and the percentage allowed to be spent.

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2016-2017 Continuation Budget Resolution as presented.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bunch thanked Candy Tilley and the finance team for all the hard work they have put in, especially over the last few weeks.

Perquimans County Schools is one of the finalists in the region for the Monsanto Grant, a \$10,000.00 grant. If awarded, the money will be used for the purchase of biotechnology equipment for Angel White's classroom.

Tonight is the last meeting for board members Susan Cox and Steven Magaro. On behalf of Mr. Cheeseman, Mr. Bunch expressed his appreciation for Ms. Cox and Mr. Magaro's leadership in a position that is voted on by the citizens of the county. He also thanked them for all that they have done to enhance the learning for our students, to make the staff better as professionals, and for making this community a better place to live.

Board Chair's Comments

Mr. Magaro expressed his appreciation to serve the staff and students and the opportunity to carry the banner for the district. He encouraged board members and staff to use the time they have to make a difference. Ms. Cox stated it had been an honor to serve on the board and that she was appreciative to everyone for all they do. She stated she was proud of this board, especially for how well the members get along, knowing even when the board disagrees that the right decisions were made for our students.

Announcements

- Oath of Office / Reorganization Meeting – Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office (Note: The newly-elected and re-elected board members will take the oath of office. This is also the organizational meeting of the Board. The chair and vice-chair will be elected at this meeting.)
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Monday, July 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Amy G. Spaugh, Board Chair

Matthew F. Cheeseman, Superintendent