

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – May 22, 2017

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Perquimans County High School in Hertford, North Carolina. Board members Amy Spaugh, Anne White, Ralph Hollowell, Russell Lassiter, Leary Winslow, and Arlene Yates were present.

Board Chair Amy Spaugh called the meeting to order. The Perquimans County High School Structured Self Development (SSD) presented the colors and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Principal Melissa Fields provided an explanation of SSD which was formed by Sergeant Kent. Arlene Yates opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 regular session as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report for May 22, 2017 as presented, including the addendum. Following approval of the Personnel Summary Report, Mr. Cheeseman introduced Mr. Ian Rapanick, the new football coach and P.E. teacher for Perquimans County High School. Mr. Rapanick thanked the Board of Education, Mr. Cheeseman and the administration at Perquimans County High School for giving him the opportunity to become the next head football coach. Mr. Rapanick also recognized his parents and fiancée who were in the audience.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Board Committee Reports

Board members provided committee reports as follows: Russell Lassiter – Finance Committee; Anne White – Personnel Committee; Leary Winslow – Operations Committee; and Arlene Yates – Curriculum & Instruction Committee.

Good News

Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman introduced the 2017 Wells Fargo North Carolina Principal of the Year, Mr. Jason Griffin. Mr. Griffin stated that it is an honor to represent Perquimans County Schools as the North Carolina Principal of the Year and thanked those who have mentored and inspired him to become the administrator he is today.

Perquimans County Schools Retirees: 2016-2017

Name	Years of Service		Position / School
	In Perquimans	In NC	
Barbara Jennings	12 yrs	12 yrs	Teacher Assistant - PCS
Luther Overton	31 yrs 8 mos	31 yrs 8 mos	Health/P.E. Teacher/Coach - PCMS
Carole Purser	11 yrs	16 yrs	4 th Grade Teacher - HGS
Bruce Humes	5 yrs	10 yrs 6 mos	School Psychologist - District
Thomas Johnson	1 yr 6 mos	32 yrs 3 mos	Health/P.E. Teacher/Coach - PCHS
Belvine Vaughan	32 yrs 7 mos	32 yrs 7 mos	School Nutrition Assistant - PCMS
Terrie Mallory	22 yrs 4 mos	22 yrs 4 mos	5 th Grade Teacher - HGS
Ed Hogan	12 yrs	12 yrs	5 th Grade Teacher - HGS
Alta Allen	9 yrs	32 yrs 3 mos	4 th Grade Teacher - HGS
Brenda Dail	32 yrs 10 mos	32 yrs 10 mos	Director of Federal Programs - District
Nancy E. Harrell	25 yrs 8 mos	25 yrs 8 mos	Teacher Assistant - PCS

Hunter Safety Team

The Middle School Hunter Safety Team attended the North Carolina Youth Hunter Education State Tournament in Ellerbe, NC. They competed against 25 other North Carolina teams around the state. The team came away with several trophies and some great experience. Team members of the Rifle Team Nathan Williams, Dylan Bass, Matthew Meads, Logan Brown and Jenna Ward won second place along with the supporting alternates Willow Stokely and Caleb Stallings. Team members of the Shot Gun Team Nathan Williams, Dylan Bass, Matthew Meads, Tanner Thach and Jett Winslow won second place and along with the supporting alternate Logan Brown. Team members of the Orienteering/Hunter Skills Team Nathan Williams, Dylan Bass, Trent Byrum, Mason Byrum and Willow Stokely won third place, along with supporting alternates Matthew Meads, Jenna Ward and Kaitlyn Ward. Also, team members of the Archery Team Nathan Williams, Dylan Bass, Matthew Meads, Jenna Ward and Kaitlyn Ward came in fourth place, along with supporting alternates Trent Byrum and Willow Stokely.

All team members Nathan Williams, Dylan Bass, Matthew Meads, Tanner Thach, Logan Brown, Jett Winslow, Willow Stokely, Jenna Ward, Kaitlyn Ward, Trent Byrum, Mason Byrum and Caleb Stallings won second place overall for the day.

Also, Nathan Williams won third place individually for competing in all four events (Rifle, Shot Gun, Archery and Orienteering/Hunter Skills) and Tanner Thach won third place as an individual in Shot Gun which he had to do a shoot off with seven other shooters. These students had only four weeks to get ready to compete at the state level which they changed every event from what they had to compete in during the district competition. Our students represented Perquimans County Schools very well. Our team is eligible to attend the national competition in Raton, New Mexico which our team will be discussing details very soon.

Perquimans Middle School

Tanner Thach
Jett Winslow
Nathan Williams
Caleb Stallings
Matthew Meads
Dylan Bass
Willow Stokely
Jenna Ward

Kaitlyn Ward
Jakob Meads
Logan Brown
Mason Byrum
Trent Byrum
Hunter Umphlett
Wyatt Pritchett

At district competition, the Perquimans County High School team won second place in archery with a score of 962 out of 1,000 and placed second in rifle with a score of 912 out of 1,000. Their overall score was 3,360 out of 4,000.

Perquimans High School

Layden Stallings
Savannah Rountree
Jenna O'Neal
Austin Mathews
Tyler Clark
Makayla Squires
Dylan Valousky

Clayton White
Spencer Loftis
Jackson Woodell
Nathan Scaff
Jacob Godfrey
Katrina Sanders
Austin Ralph

Coaches

Eddie Squires
Talmadge Meads
Tommy Stokely
Lynn Stokely
Kenny Byrum

Jon Frumkin
Edward Forbes
Rose Forbes
Wayne Worley

Signed to Play Football

PCHS Senior lineman **Garth Upton** earned the opportunity to continue his football career next fall playing for the Builders at Apprentice School in Newport News, Virginia. Garth was a three-year starter and was on varsity for four seasons for the Perquimans Pirates.

Signed to Play Football

PCHS Senior lineman **Wayne Worley** was recently awarded an academic and athletic scholarship to attend Elizabeth City State University where he will play football for the Vikings. Wayne was a three-year starter on the offensive line for the Perquimans Pirates. In his final season with Perquimans, Wayne was an all-Coastal 10 Conference selection and a Daily Advance All-Area team pick.

Scholarship Announcements

Albemarle Plantation Women's Club Scholarship

Christin Castro
Taylor Green
Shykeshia Kee
Winter Money
Amanda Pulley
Toni Woodward

Farm Bureau Scholarship

Parker Robertson
Heather Chappell
Darin Onley

Hertford Lion's Club Scholarship

Jonathan Glover
Rachel Gilbert
Madison Loftis
Parker Robertson

National FFA Collegiate Scholarship

Caleb Richardson
Madison Loftis

William Paul Stallings American Legion Post 126 Scholarship

Sarah Baker

Vidant Chowan Hospital Volunteer Scholarship

Autumn Bateman

Newport News Apprentice Program

Blake Jordan
Andrew Tyson
Garth Upton

Durants Neck Ruritans Scholarship

Jonathan Glover
Tarea Mallory
Madison Loftis
Kaleb Darnell

SECU People Helping People Scholarship

Miles Chaulk

Albemarle Fireman's Association Scholarship

Morgan Ellis
Brooke Suermann
Jaylin Prince
Caleb Richardson

Autumn Bateman
Heather Chappell
Tyler Rountree
Brian Winslow

Up River Friends Scholarship

Trapper White
Madison Loftis
Toni Woodward

Waldo Winslow Scholarship

Caleb Richardson
Madison Loftis

Hertford Rotary Club Scholarship

Parker Robertson
Caleb Richardson
Amanda Pulley
Madison Loftis
Autumn Bateman

Edenton Sons of American Legion Scholarship

Cole Turner

Master Gardener's Association Scholarship

Caleb Richardson
Madison Loftis

Town South Church of Christ Scholarship

Sarah Baker

Presidential Scholar

Congratulations to **Caleb Richardson** on being named a 2017 US Presidential Scholar. The US Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 to honor some of our most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Each year, out of about 4,000 nominees, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars. It is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. In June, Caleb will be honored for his accomplishments during a National Recognition Ceremony in Washington, DC. **Ms. Angel White** will also be recognized as a 2017 Presidential Scholars Program Distinguished Teacher. She has been instrumental in Caleb's success in high school providing him with many opportunities to build leadership.

Farm to School Calendar Art Contest

Calvin Pierce, second grader in Mrs. Holley Winslow’s class, was selected as one out of 13 recipients for the North Carolina Farm to School Calendar Art Contest. Calvin’s artwork will be displayed in the 2017-2018 calendar.

NCCTM Outstanding Math Teacher Award

Hertford Grammar School Teacher **Gloria Ray** received recognition as the NCCTM Outstanding Math Teacher for Perquimans County Schools. The North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM) and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) strive to recognize and reward elementary school teachers who exemplify mathematics teaching excellence by nurturing students' enthusiasm for mathematics through everyday classroom experiences. This recognition is for those teachers who succeed in motivating students to excel in mathematics.

Lowe’s Toolbox for Education

Kindergarten Teacher **Nicole Ralph** was recently awarded a 2017 Lowe’s Toolbox for Education grant for Perquimans Central School in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Naturally Curious Kindergarteners project from The Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Grade “A” Custodial Rating – (James Davison and Mickey’s Sales and Service)

Perquimans Central School

Ronald Wilson
Melvin Jackson
Mary Williams
Sandra Bizzell

Perquimans County High School

Quinton Brickhouse
Amos Fletcher
Anita Mercer
Elizabeth Tavares
Bernadette Ferebee

Hertford Grammar School

Robert Banks
Willie Downing
Joyce Hunter

Substitutes

Frankie Ethridge
Phil Ainsley
Mary Flemming

Board of Education

Ruby Ainsley

Unfinished Business

Reselling iPads

Technology Director Martha Nixon presented information regarding the purpose of the Golden Leaf Grant, the proposal to keep the iPads in the district, the sustainability plan, and the end of Year 3 information for the 1:1 grant. She proposed keeping the iPads in the district since they are paid for. Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to retain all iPads and not resell them back to the vendor. In response to a question about the use of the iPads if they are not used at Perquimans Central, Mrs. Nixon stated that with the iPads, Perquimans Central will become a 1:1 school and each school’s media center will have a cart of iPads to use for projects. Since iPads are currently being collected, Mrs. Nixon is not sure of the number of iPads that would be available due to damage, etc. and if the iPads would be worth repairing.

Moving iPads to Grades K-2

Since the Board voted to keep the iPads in the district, Mrs. Nixon proposed moving the iPads to Grades K-2, which has been approved by Golden Leaf, making Perquimans a 1:1 district. Moving the iPads would also update the outdated equipment currently located at the school. Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and second by Anne White, the Board voted unanimously to move the iPads to Grades K-2, making Perquimans County Schools a Grades K-12, 1:1 district, while retaining use of iPads at their current sites in their media centers.

Using Chromebooks as 1:1 Device for Refresh

Mrs. Nixon explained that with the long-term sustainability plan, devices are to be refreshed every three years for grades 3-12. With this being year three, the Technology Department evaluated devices for the refresh, iPads vs. Chromebooks. The Chromebooks, which have been tested for home and school use, can be purchased from a state contract vendor. The purchase of Chromebooks is recommended for the refresh as the device has improved over the last few years. Google for Education has improved the versatility of the device. Chromebooks are more durable, have a keyboard, and programs/Internet work at home. The Chromebooks offer warranty with their devices, as well as Apple, but there is a difference in the devices when comparing the costs. In addition, more than 70% of North Carolina districts use Chromebooks. North Carolina wrote an RFP to obtain bids for Chromebooks. In addition, there is a lot of support offered at the state level for districts using this device which can also be used for online testing. Mrs. Nixon referred to the lease, noting that it had been reviewed by the Board Attorney. Recommendations from the attorney were sent to the lease company resulting in changes to the document. Included in the board packet were the lease, resolution for consideration by the County Commissioners, and a certification to purchase the devices from state contract. The district requested to purchase 1,600 Dell Chromebooks and 28 charging carts for staff and students in grades 3-12 from the state contract vendor Trinity 3. The equipment would be leased from VAR, the financing company. The yearly payment would be no more than \$160,000. When asked about the transition to Chromebooks, Mrs. Nixon stated that students and teachers in grades 3 through 12 were issued a survey and students were actually more in favor of transitioning to Chromebooks than the teachers. Teachers participated in a training at the Friday Institute in April and since then have learned more about the extensions and have become more familiar with Chromebooks. Mrs. Nixon stated more trainings like that will occur. Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to enter a lease with VAR to purchase Chromebooks as the 1:1 device of choice.

\$20.00 Technology Fee for Grades 3-12

Right now, there is not a required technology fee, but parents are responsible for all damages. Optional insurance was offered two years ago and this past year. The insurance was \$34.00 and covered accidental damage, theft and loss, but it did not cover the chargers. iPads are currently being collected. If a student does not return the charger, the cost is \$25.00 to replace the charger. Invoices have been issued to students who did not return the charger. If the parent did not purchase the optional insurance this year, the cost of repairs is as follows: cracked screen - \$85.00; headphone jack repair - \$63.00. At the beginning of the grant, the cost of a cracked screen was \$169.00. It then went down to \$110.00, and this year to \$85.00. The parent was still responsible for damages regardless if the student was a day user or 24/7 user. Mrs. Nixon proposed a \$20.00 required, non-refundable technology fee for students in grades 3 through 12, whether the student is a day user or 24/7 user. This would be a one-time fee that would cover accidental damage, theft, loss, and the charger for the entire school year. This would not cover intentional damage. The district will offer a \$50 per family cap and a payment plan would be available. A waiver for financial hardship would be offered as well.

Mrs. Nixon is looking at setting up an online payment system for payment of the technology fee. All fees would be due by November 1st. Fees will be collected by the media/technology staff and deposited into a repair account through the Central Office. The fees will be collected at the Back to School Bash in August. Mrs. Nixon presented a chart that compared the technology fees that are charged in neighboring school districts.

Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the \$20.00 technology fee for Grades 3 through 12 for the 2017-2018 school year.

New Business

Program Services Contract with Invision Services, Inc.

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Anne White, the Board voted unanimously to approve Invision Services, Inc. for orientation and mobility and visually impaired services for the 2017-2018 school year as presented by Kanika Griffin, Director of Exceptional Children.

Program Services Contract with Occupational Therapy Plus

Upon motion by Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve Occupational Therapy Plus for occupational therapy services for the 2017-2018 school year as presented by Kanika Griffin, Director of Exceptional Children.

2017-2018 IDEA Part B 611 Grant Project Allotment

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017-2018 IDEA Part B 611 Grant as presented by Kanika Griffin, Director of Exceptional Children.

2017-2018 IDEA Part B 619 Preschool Grant Projected Allotment

Upon motion by Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017-2018 IDEA Part B 619 Preschool Grant as presented by Carole Laughton, EC Specialist.

Career & Technical Education Local Plan

Jill Cohen, Director of Career & Technical Education, presented CTE enrollment and data, highlighted points of achievement and explained next steps to becoming an elite CTE program. She presented the Career and Technical Education Performance Plan for 2017-2018 as well as the Technical Attainment Improvement Plan for Perquimans County Schools. After a time of questions and comments regarding the CTE program, the Board took the following action. Upon motion by Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the CTE local plan for 2017-2018 as presented by Mrs. Cohen.

PCMS Solar Project

The Perquimans County Middle School Solar Project is an independent project that is a collaboration of NC Green Power Corporation, SECU and the Perquimans County Schools Foundation. The project includes a 3.0-5.0 Kilowatt solar photovoltaic pole mounted system, where an eight inch galvanized steel pole is drilled 10 feet deep with a concrete base. The pole is expected to be 15 feet high with a mounting rack of 12 solar modules. The lowest panel is 10 feet off the ground. Each panel is approximately the size of an average door. Mrs. Cohen explained the economic impact, noting that it is predicted that the system will totally supply the electricity needed for the middle school during the summer months and supply 10-20% of the electricity when school is in session. She explained the educational program which will provide a real world learning experience for students. Mr. Winslow asked about teaching the economics of the project along with the science to maximize the learning for students. Upon motion by

Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to accept the North Carolina Green Power Project Grant for Perquimans County Middle School as presented by Jill Cohen, Director of Career & Technical Education.

Proposed 2017-2018 Charge Policy

The Board conducted a first reading of the proposed 2017-2018 no charges policy for the Perquimans County Schools School Nutrition Program as presented by Shirley Pelletier, Director of School Nutrition. Action will be taken on the proposed policy at the June meeting. When asked by Russell Lassiter about imposing consequences for students who have outstanding balances, Mr. Cheeseman stated the district does not want to punish a child for an adult circumstance as that could be a serious situation. When the communication went out to families about no charges, it did not mean a child would not be allowed to eat. Principals are working with Mrs. Pelletier to have plans in place at each school for these situations. Since the communication went out to parents, charges have been reduced by \$4,000.00.

Proposed 2017-2018 Meal Price Increase

Mrs. Pelletier explained the formula used to determine an increase in meal prices. The meal price for Perquimans Central School would increase from \$2.35 to \$2.45. The meal price for Hertford Grammar School, Perquimans Middle School and Perquimans High School would increase from \$2.60 to \$2.70. Upon motion by Anne White and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meal price increase for 2017-2018 as presented by Mrs. Pelletier.

Prior to her presentations, Candy Tilley, Director of Finance, introduced Taylor Chappell, a 2016 graduate of Perquimans County High School who is a student attending East Carolina University in the honors program majoring in accounting. She is a recipient of the Golden Leaf Foundation Scholarship. As part of the scholarship, she is interning in the Finance Department in Perquimans County Schools.

Vendor for Cafeteria Benefits

Five bids were received and reviewed by a team of district employees that made a recommendation to remain with the current provider for cafeteria benefits, Pierce Group. Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to enter an agreement with Pierce Group for Cafeteria Benefits – Section 125 Plan for the plan year beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.

Budget Amendments

Candy Tilley, Director of Finance, explained in detail each of the proposed budget amendments. Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve State Public School Fund – Amendment #9, Capital Outlay Fund – Amendment #7, and Other Specific Revenue Fund – Amendment #8 as presented by Mrs. Tilley.

Financial Report

Mrs. Tilley presented the financial report for the month of April 2017. There were no concerns or questions noted regarding any of the funds at this time.

Insurance

Upon motion by Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to enter an agreement with Surry Insurance for automobile, garage, and worker's compensation insurance for 2017-2018, and with American Advantage Marketing Group for student accident and athletic coverage for 2017-2018 as presented by Candy Tilley, Director of Finance.

403(b) Provider

Three vendors submitted bids as a result of an RFP that was sent out for a 403(b) provider. Staff from Human Resources and Finance reviewed the bids and made a recommendation to offer 403(b) services to our employees through Horace Mann Educators Corporation. Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to approve Horace Mann Educators Corporation to be the 403(b) provider for employees of Perquimans County Schools.

EF Educational Tours Trip

Mr. Gemmill, a teacher at Perquimans County Middle School, presented information about the proposed EF Educational Tours Holocaust-themed trip to Germany. He stated an interest meeting was held at the high school with 21 students currently enrolled. Chaperones would include Mr. Gemmill, Ms. Corprew, Ms. Moreland, and possibly Mr. Smith. Mr. Gemmill requested to have in-house fundraising throughout the school year next year for this trip. Dr. White commented on making sure the trip is inclusive and the opportunity is representative of people from our community. Ms. Moreland noted that the trip will take place in the summertime. The cost will be \$3,700.00 per student and \$4,200.00 per adult.

There was no second to the motion by Leary Winslow to approve the recommendation to sponsor the EF Educational Tours trip for Summer 2018. Mr. Lassiter stated he was not opposed to the trip, but was afraid that by approving it, it would appear that the Board was endorsing and financially supporting it.

Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted 4 to 1, with Dr. White opposing, to allow Perquimans High School and Perquimans Middle School to engage in fundraising for the EF Educational Tours trip for Summer 2018.

Overnight Field Trip

Upon motion by Anne White and second by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the overnight field trip to Raleigh, North Carolina, for the North Carolina FFA State Convention, June 20-22, 2017 as presented by Angel White, FFA Advisor. Mr. Lassiter asked about potential liability for students who had graduated attending the field trip. Mrs. Cohen stated she would look into the matter.

Board Policy

The Board conducted a first reading of the Spring 2017 policy updates provided by the legal staff at the North Carolina School Boards Association. Action will be taken on the policy updates at the June meeting.

Reports / Updates

Student Discipline Data

Mr. Cheeseman presented the student discipline data for the month of May. There were no questions from board members regarding the information.

Driver Education Services RFP

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch noted that in the summer of 2014, the Board of Education awarded driver education services to the North Carolina Driving School. The contract was renewed for both option years. The current contract expires on June 30th. As a result, an RFP was sent out. Sealed bids will be opened at the end of May for the Board's consideration at the June meeting.

Bus Driver Perfect Attendance

Transportation Director Jeff Miller announced that there were 21 bus drivers with perfect attendance for the month of April, and 5 with perfect attendance to date for this school year. Bus drivers with perfect attendance this school year to date include Lillie White, Ebony Reid, and Timothy Jordan. In addition, he noted that Maebelle Leigh has had perfect attendance for 4 years to date and Janice Butts for 8 years to date. In regard to the parent application for alternate transportation, Arlene Yates asked Mr. Miller a question about parent/student situations regarding bus transportation when there are delays or early releases.

Superintendent's Report

Update on House Bill 13

There have been changes in House Bill 13. We have worked closely with our County Commissioners in understanding that next year we may see considerable changes in how enrollment is allotted inside of our buildings. However, we do not anticipate needing \$400,000.00 this year from our county and we do not anticipate major overages inside our classrooms at the Central School and Grammar School level up to Grade 3.

Update on Athletic Complex

Mr. Jim Davison assisted Mr. Cheeseman in putting together the RFP and made corrections that were suggested. It is anticipated that the RFP will go out on Wednesday morning. Mr. Davison has put together a very strong timeline. Mr. Cheeseman and Mr. Davison look forward to bringing the name of an architect perhaps at the next meeting or soon thereafter.

Staffing Updates

Principals will meet with Mr. Cheeseman toward the end of the week to look at school allocation ratios based off of teacher positions and total numbers of students. We are forecasting some of our hires for next year and some of our teacher and teacher assistant assignments needed for next year. Mr. Holley and Mr. Cheeseman met with teacher assistants on May 22nd to inform them that they are part of a reduction in force (RIF). All teacher assistants in that meeting recognize that a final decision will be brought to the Board on June 29th. We anticipate seven positions being reduced based off of funding; however, two individuals have already made choices themselves.

Local Funding Update

Mr. Cheeseman congratulated Mrs. Candy Tilley on her presentation to the County Commissioners on May 15th and all of the directors and finance personnel who helped her assemble that presentation. It is projected that it will be the first week of June when the district will hear back from the County Commissioners in terms of what our local funding will look like.

Other

We have been investigating a concern at Perquimans County Middle School around a flashing light system. We recognize that each system, according to DOT, would be roughly a \$10,000 investment. We are also looking at this for Perquimans County High School around crossing the street when the athletic complex is in place. Since we believe the system is necessary, we would be the entity that pays for it.

Dr. White asked about the status of the bill that would give LEAs flexibility in start/end dates. Mr. Cheeseman stated it has not been finalized yet. There are two bills—one is to allow LEAs to start around August 15th. Ten school districts have been piloted to start earlier. However, recent budget cuts have put the bill in jeopardy for that pilot.

Board Chair's Comments

Mrs. Spaugh thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked board members for all the work they are doing.

Announcements

- Perquimans County High School Graduation, Friday, June 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting, Thursday, June 29, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., Central Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Amy G. Spaugh, Board Chair



Matthew F. Cheeseman, Superintendent