

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – April 23, 2018

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools in Hertford, North Carolina. Board members Amy Spaugh, Dr. Anne White, Ralph Hollowell (participated remotely by phone), Russell Lassiter, Leary Winslow (arrived at 6:55 p.m.) and Arlene Yates were present.

Board Chair Amy Spaugh called the meeting to order. Russell Lassiter led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Arlene Yates opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Spaugh announced that Mr. Hollowell was joining the meeting by phone.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Dr. Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented, including the addendum, the revised Capital Outlay budget and the addition of a closed session at the end of the agenda.

Good News

The Board recognized the following individuals for their outstanding accomplishments:

Career and Technical Education Local Plan

Jill Cohen – Director of Career and Technical Education

America's Farmers Grow Communities Donation from Monsanto Fund

\$2,500 donation from Monsanto and a matching donation of \$2,500 from Corprew Family Farms
Glen Roundtree – Monsanto Representative
Tim Corprew – Perquimans County Farmer
Susan Perry – Agriculture Teacher, Perquimans County High School
FFA Students – Chelsea Perry, Brandon Melton, Colton Meads and Luke Fuller

School Bus Maintenance Program Annual Review

Jeff Miller – Transportation Director
Julie Williams – Cost Clerk / TIMS
Coleen Proctor – Bus Driver / Office Support / OCS
Terry Sawyer – Mechanic II
Ryan Long – Mechanic II

Love the Bus Month

Mary Williams – Perquimans Central School
Lillie White – Hertford Grammar School
Shirley Foreman – Perquimans County Middle School
Janice Butts – Perquimans County High School
Diana Moore (driver) and Danita Whidbee (monitor) – Exceptional Children
Johnetta Banks – substitute and split route driver at Perquimans Central School

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Dr. Anne White, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 regular session as presented.

indicated the PCHS auditorium upgrades for the past ten years, which totaled \$179,044. The majority of the work has been done this year including power washing the exterior, windows resealed, tuck and point, lighting and audio upgrades. Mr. Cheeseman noted the difference in the previous proposed budget and the current proposed budget was the PCMS gym floor and vehicle replacement. Part of the reason for removing the gym floor from the budget was due to HB 866, a \$1.9 billion opportunity for school construction funds. If this bill becomes law, Perquimans County would be looking at almost \$12 million. (There would be more information about this bill later in the meeting.) Therefore, the proposed Capital Outlay Budget is \$592,900 plus \$160,000 for the 1:1 sustainability plan, for a total of \$752,900. This does not include the debt service payment of \$836,000 for the PCHS gymnasium for the next 12 years.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed items in each category, including furniture replacement, radio upgrades, and mini-activity bus replacement. Mr. Lassiter also mentioned that in the future, he would like for the Board to have the opportunity to review the proposed budgets prior to the joint sessions with the County Commissioners. Mrs. Spaugh noted that the original proposed budget revealed to the Commissioners the true needs of the school district. The revised proposed budget, however, revealed what the Board considers to be a thoughtful reduction. After a lengthy discussion as to whether the Board would proceed with the vote or table action for further consideration, Mrs. Spaugh polled the Board regarding their thoughts on the proposed budget. Upon motion by Dr. Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Capital Outlay Budget for 2018-2019 as presented for formal presentation to the County Commissioners in May.

Maintenance

Director of Maintenance Jim Davison recommended that the Board enter into an agreement with Saffelle, Inc. for custodial supplies for the next three years. When asked where the company was located, Mr. Davison responded the company was located just outside of Raleigh. Mr. Davison was also asked if there was a local company that could compete with this company. Mr. Davison stated that Saffelle's bid came in \$2,800 less than Mickey's Sales and Service. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a contract with Saffelle, Inc. in an amount of \$64,884.00 per year for three years for custodial supplies.

Athletic Complex

Upon motion by Dr. Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to name the future track the M. Shirley Wiggins Track.

Mr. Cheeseman presented a handout to board members explaining the funding for Phase I of the athletic complex which included the Charles Ward funds, lottery funds, and other donations. Considering the bids that came in, Mr. Davison met with one of the contractors to discuss the work that could be done for \$400,000. The district has fallen short in the budget due to the construction of another building. With a \$237,000 deficiency, Mr. Cheeseman explained that the Board could utilize Capital Outlay Fund Balance or part of the Capital Outlay Fund Balance in addition to next year's Education Lottery Funds. John Spruill of Sawyer's Land Developing was in attendance to answer questions. Mr. Cheeseman expressed appreciation to Sawyer's for working with the district to decrease the bid from \$1.2 million to \$415,000. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a contract with Sawyer's Land Developing, Inc. for an amount of \$415,000.00 for general contractor services for Phase I of the athletic complex project, contingent upon review of the contract by the board attorney.

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a contract with Eure and Sons Construction Company, Inc. for an amount of \$134,980.00 to construct a concession / bathroom building for the athletic complex project, contingent upon review of the contract by the board attorney.

Reports / Updates

HB 13 / HB 90 Class Size Update

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Norris Parker provided a handout regarding the HB 13 / HB 90 class sizes stating that the district is still in compliance regarding class size limits. He also stated that a second affidavit that was due April 30th related to class sizes was submitted to DPI today, April 23rd.

Student Discipline Data

Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Bunch presented the student discipline data for the month of April. Mr. Bunch noted there are currently 5 reportable offenses this school year, compared to 17 reportable offenses last school year.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendents' Quarterly Meeting / NC DPI Organizational Review

Mr. Cheeseman presented a document containing the names of department staff at NC DPI that he received at the recent Superintendents' Quarterly Meeting in Charlotte.

Projected Personnel Needs for 2018-2019

Principals are working closely with teachers and Human Resources to determine who is staying and who is leaving. Right now, projections indicate approximately one to two teachers in each of our schools will be leaving.

NC ESSA Plan Update

The ESSA Plan was resubmitted on February 9, 2018. DPI is waiting to hearing back from the submission.

Other

The district is working with Envirocon due to outages experienced with the smoke detectors and alarms at the high school in the area from the auditorium to the gymnasium. Right now, a fire watch is being done by staff walking through the building and completing a hand-written log while waiting for the burned out panel to be replaced.

Director of Innovation and Policy Cynthia Perry provided a one-page handout explaining House Bill 866 regarding a \$1.9 billion school construction bond referendum that is expected to come up in the short session in May. The bipartisan bill is backed by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, DPI, the State Board of Education, and larger construction organizations statewide. The formula is based on ADM, low wealth status, ADM growth and small county designation. Perquimans initial total allotment in the first bill was \$12,261,643.00; however, Perquimans was not a Tier I county at that time. The original bill stated the money could be used for new construction, renovation, purchase of equipment affixed to a building or purchase of land for construction. Mr. Cheeseman added that a resolution may be submitted to the Board for consideration to indicate the district's interest and perhaps to the County Commissioners as well.

Board Chair's Comments

Mrs. Spaugh thanked everyone for their work in preparing for the meeting, including Mrs. Tilley and the Finance Department and all the work done behind the scenes.

Announcements

- Memorial Day Holiday: Monday, May 28, 2018
- Regular Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Central Office

Closed Session

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Dr. Anne White, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.


Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 9:20 p.m. No action was taken after returning to open session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Amy G. Spaugh, Board Chair



Matthew F. Cheeseman, Superintendent