

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – July 24, 2017

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools in Hertford, North Carolina. Board members Amy Spaug, Anne White, Ralph Hollowell, Russell Lassiter, Leary Winslow, and Arlene Yates were present.

Board Chair Amy Spaug called the meeting to order. Leary Winslow led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Ralph Hollowell opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented, including the two addenda.

Election of Officers

Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman conducted the election of the Board Chair. He opened the floor to receive nominations. Arlene Yates nominated Anne White and Leary Winslow nominated Amy Spaug. There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Those in favor of Anne White for Board Chair were Arlene Yates and Anne White. Those in favor of Amy Spaug for Board Chair were Leary Winslow, Ralph Hollowell and Russell Lassiter. Amy Spaug was elected as Board Chair by a majority vote.

Board Chair Amy Spaug conducted the election of the Vice Chair. She opened the floor to receive nominations. Arlene Yates nominated Anne White. There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Anne White was elected as Vice Chair by a unanimous vote.

Signing of Code of Ethics Statement

In accordance with Board Policy 2120, all board members present signed a code of ethics statement that included the provisions in the policy.

Good News

Exceptional Children's Director Kanika Griffin was recognized for graduating from the NCDPI Exceptional Children's Leadership Institute.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2017 regular session as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report for July 24, 2017 as presented, including the addendum.

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendations regarding student transfer requests for 2017-2018 as presented, including the addendum.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

CTE Teacher Jeff Nixon addressed the Automotive Technology Program at Perquimans County High School. He spoke about the NATEF Accreditation of which the program has been certified for the past fifteen years; the 2017 graduate information for the 17 seniors enrolled in the Automotive Technology Program; and employment opportunities for students that attend the program.

Board Committee Reports

There were no board committee reports to present at this meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for consideration at this meeting.

New Business

Architect for Athletic Complex

Maintenance Director James Davison presented the recommendation of CHA as the architectural firm for the athletic complex. Mr. Davison stated the Athletic Complex Design Committee interviewed two firms last week and by unanimous vote recommended CHA as the architectural firm for the athletic complex. Mr. Davison shared information about the company's experience and various projects they have completed. He noted that the company provided a timeline to complete the project and will create a master plan as the complex will be done in phases. Donations and lottery funding will be used to pay for the athletic complex, not state or local dollars. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action. Upon motion by Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to allow the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the recommended architect for the Athletic Complex.

Reports / Updates

College and Career Ready Graduates

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch stated according to legislation, the State Board of Community Colleges, in consultation with the State Board of Education, shall develop a program for implementation beginning with model programs in the 2016-2017 school year that introduces the college developmental mathematics and developmental reading and English curriculums in the high school senior year and provides opportunities for college remediation for students prior to high school graduation through cooperation with community college partners. Mr. Bunch stated that Perquimans County Schools is collaborating with College of The Albemarle in preparation for the 2018-2019 school year when the law goes into effect. During the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year, students with an ACT score of 22 or below and/or GPA of 2.7 or below will participate in math remediation courses. This remediation will be embedded in the Essentials of College Math class. Mr. Bunch noted there is a plan in place to inform parents and community about this. Right now, there are 75 seniors who meet this criteria.

Superintendent's Report

Date/Time/Location for Board of Education Retreat

Mr. Cheeseman asked board members to check their schedules for possible dates in September and/or October for the upcoming board retreat. It was the consensus of the board to set the dates for the retreat at the August board meeting.

Curriculum Associates

Dr. Norris Parker will participate in a webinar tomorrow with Curriculum Associates regarding implementation strategies for the new school year and professional development for teachers in grades K-8.

Staffing Update

Right now, Perquimans Central School, Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans County Middle School are 100% staffed with General Ed teachers. Perquimans County High School is seeking an art teacher and two CTE teachers. Mr. Cheeseman congratulated Mrs. Griffin for staffing her EC positions. In addition, on Wednesday, July 26th, there will be a meeting for all teacher assistants in the district to receive their site assignments for the 2017-2018 school year. The principal at their site will determine their specific grade level assignment.

Board of Education/Board of Commissioners Steering Committee

Mrs. Spagh, Mr. Cheeseman and Mrs. Tilley met with County Manager Frank Heath and Commissioner Wallace Nelson in a 90-minute meeting on July 17th to establish goals for the committee. Topics discussed included funding formulas, HB13 class size reduction, and athletic complex. Mrs. Spagh stated it was the consensus of the committee to meet quarterly to better understand each other's aspirations.

Athletic Complex

In a recent newspaper article by Peter Williams, it was noted that the money being used for the athletic complex cannot be used for salaries and benefits. Lottery funding can only be used for capital projects and donated money cannot be used for personnel.

Other

Mr. Cheeseman stated that Mr. Nixon did a good job sharing statistical information during his comments. Mr. Cheeseman will share a Power Point presentation regarding how the facility looks now as well as our efforts to maintain and upkeep the facility.

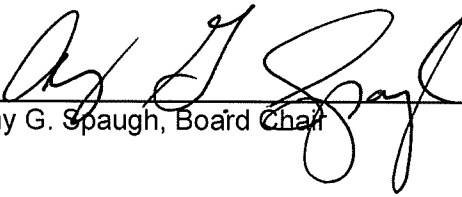
Board Chair's Comments

Mrs. Spagh thanked board members for their vote of confidence in allowing her to serve as Board Chair for another year. In regard to the steering committee with commissioners and finance, it is her hope to bring understanding to both boards as a result of these meetings. She invited board members to participate on the committee if they would like to do so.

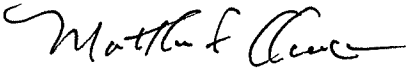
Announcements

- Back to School Bash – Tuesday, August 15, 2017 and Thursday, August 17, 2017, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Perquimans County High School
- Convocation – Monday, August 21, 2017
- Open House – Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- First Day of School – Monday, August 28, 2017
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., Central Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

 8-28-17

Amy G. Spaugh, Board Chair



Matthew F. Cheeseman, Superintendent