

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – September 25, 2017

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools 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. Russell Lassiter led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

Good News

Amy Woodard, EC Teacher at Perquimans County Middle School, was recognized as the Perquimans County Schools 2017 EC Educator of Excellence. EC Director Kanika Griffin praised Ms. Woodard for her outstanding performance as an EC teacher. Mr. Cheeseman also recognized Ms. Woodard with a special presentation on behalf of the Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc.

PCHS Alumni Alexis Howard and Kayley Ronca and PCHS Senior McKenzie Twine were recognized for obtaining the necessary credentials for becoming a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Anne White, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 regular session as presented.

Consent Agenda

Personnel Summary Report

Mr. Cheeseman entertained questions from board members prior to the vote on the Personnel Summary Report and addendum. Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report as presented, including the addendum.

Student Transfer Requests

Mr. Cheeseman entertained questions and comments from board members prior to the vote on the student transfer requests. 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.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Resolution for Disposal of Property

According to Transportation Director Jeff Miller, the property for disposal included two activity buses that were replaced over the past few years. The revenue from the sale of the buses will be returned to capital outlay and the funds used to paint one of the existing activity buses. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to dispose of property as presented.

Finance

Budget Amendments

Finance Director Candy Tilley provided an explanation for each item included in the proposed budget amendments. Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Anne White, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State Public School Fund – Amendment #1, Local Current Expense Fund – Amendment #1, and Other Specific Revenue Fund – Amendment #1 as presented.

Financial Report

Mrs. Tilley presented the Financial Report for August 2017 and highlighted certain budget line items for clarification purposes.

Voting Delegates for NCSBA Annual Conference for Board Member Development

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted to appoint Ralph Hollowell, Anne White and Leary Winslow as voting delegates for the NCSBA Annual Conference for Board Member Development.

Title I / Title II Plans

Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman presented the Title I and Title II Plans in the absence of Cynthia Perry, Director of Innovation and Policy. He described in detail the allocations for Title I and Title II and how the money will be used. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Title I and Title II Plans as presented.

Reports / Updates

2016-2017 District Data Presentation

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Norris Parker presented the 2016-2017 district data which became official on September 2, 2017, and explained the performance/growth formula.

HGS: School Performance Grade of "B" with a 1.4% increase in Grade Level Proficiency, Growth – Met

PCMS: School Performance Grade of "C" with a 3.8% increase in Grade Level Proficiency, Growth – Not Met

PCHS: School Performance Grade of "B" with a 20.2% increase in Grade Level Proficiency, Growth – Met

Curriculum Associates i-Ready Update

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Norris Parker presented an update on i-Ready. The initial assessment period, which started September 5th and will end September 29th, has gone smoothly with few issues. Chief Technology Officer Martha Nixon is working to resolve an issue related to iPad functionality in completing assessments at Perquimans Central School. A training session will be held on October 30th with a representative from i-Ready to examine the

data from the initial assessment and to consider changes in instructional practices based on students' scores on the assessments.

EKG: Educating Kids about Guns

SRO Deputy David Murray presented information on EKG: Educating Kids about Guns. The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office and members of the Elizabeth City Police Department, Pasquotank Sheriff's Office and Camden Sheriff's Office were trained this summer on how to introduce the program, Decision Points, into our communities. The program was developed by the Fayetteville Police Department in Cumberland County. The Fayetteville Police Department produced a 29-minute dramatization regarding the main character's decision to turn to gun violence. The video showed the drastic change in outcome had the main character ventured down a different path. Decision Points shows factors that may lead someone to gun violence. This is a classroom presentation facilitated by one or two law enforcement officers using the video, personal stories and small group discussions to educate students about various consequences of gun possession and gun-related violence. Decision Points is geared toward 7th and 9th grade students and is tied to the health curriculum. Seventh grade is taught over a two-day, 45-minute period and ninth grade is taught over a one-day, 90-minute period. A pre- and post-survey is given to assess the students' understanding of gun violence and the decisions involving gun use. A writing assignment is also given to students that will be graded by the teacher in conjunction with the SRO. Students are given a forum to have open discussion with law enforcement, not only about gun violence, but also about the effects of bullying and gang affiliation. The SROs will be leading this program for our county.

Board members asked if parents would be notified of this program prior to it being presented to students in school. Mr. Cheeseman stated that a communication from the district will be sent to parents in advance and will include an opt-out option. In response to a question about the Critical Incident Response Plan, Mr. Bunch stated that our district is up-to-date on the plan and district safety committee meetings are held each month. Mr. Bunch thanked SRO Sawyer, SRO Murray and Sheriff White for attending the monthly safety meetings.

State Board of Education Update

2017 Wells Fargo NC Principal of the Year Mr. Jason Griffin provided an update on the following topics from the September 6th State Board of Education Meeting:

- Items from the Student Learning and Achievement Committee
- ESSA Plan
- Graduation Rate
- School Performance Grades, with a breakdown of school grades for the northeast:
"A" – 3 schools; "B" – 33 schools; "C" – 69 schools; "D" – 47 schools; and "F" – 11 schools. Out of 164 schools in the northeast, 31% did not meet growth, 40% met growth, and 28% exceeded growth.
- MTSS
- There are 41 schools in the state that qualified for the Innovative School District which are schools with 3 consecutive years of receiving a "D" or an "F." The list has been trimmed down to five schools.
- Restart applications
- Individuals can now take the Praxis for AIG versus going to college for two years.
- State and National Schools of Character were recognized through PBIS.
- The Teachers of the Year and Principals of the Year were recognized.
- Alternate assessments for Read to Achieve were voted on and approved by the State Board.

- A presentation was shared on the new principal pay schedule. Mr. Griffin will do an interview on Wednesday at WRAL regarding principal pay.

Mr. Griffin also shared upcoming events that he will be attending:

- On Wednesday, he will go to the Innovation Learning Lab at SAS, the company that does EVAAS.
- On Friday, he will work with the EC Department at the state level sharing feedback on things HGS is doing.
- Next week, he will be presenting at the Principal Ready Conference in Greenville and later in Fayetteville and Hickory.
- In three weeks, he will be going to Washington, D.C. to be recognized as the National Distinguished Principal for North Carolina.
- In a few weeks, he will be going to Charlotte to talk about how HGS has looked at data, along with other elementary schools across the state.
- In a few weeks, Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Moreland will travel to Boston, MA, to work with about 100 leaders across the country.

Student Discipline Data

Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Bunch presented the August and September Student Discipline Report for each school. Mr. Bunch will give an update on trending at the next board meeting. The trend for the suspensions at PCHS during the months of August and September has been for the use of profanity by students.

Superintendent's Report

The 2017 Fall Retreat and Issues Forum for the North Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members is being hosted in Raleigh on October 5-7, 2017. If board members are interested in this opportunity, they should contact Mr. Cheeseman or Mrs. Peele so that arrangements can be made.

Athletic Complex

Mr. Cheeseman spoke with Mr. Ed Nixon about the transfer of land for the athletic complex. They will begin the transfer process once work begins on the land. Mr. Davison is continuing to work with the architect and documents will soon be ready for signatures.

Transportation Review

Early Bird drop-off has been implemented at the schools. At Perquimans Central, Hertford Grammar, and Perquimans Middle, students can be dropped off under staff supervision starting at 7:00 a.m. This will help alleviate some of the bus issues for families that live 20 to 30 minutes away and do not want their students on the bus for more than 90 minutes. Mr. Miller and Mr. Cheeseman are still looking at bus ridership times and considering a parent survey regarding opportunities to reduce time.

No Charge Policy: School Nutrition Update

There have been very few issues at the schools with students not having money or funds in their accounts. The no charge policy adopted by the board last school year is working well.

Organizational Structure: Custodians and Maintenance

Mr. Davison will be overseeing the custodians and maintenance staff. Moving these employees under one umbrella will allow Mr. Davison to prioritize projects across the district and move

employees as needed to help with those projects. Mr. Davison will oversee the site assignments, leave requests, and clock hours.

2017-2018 School Performance Grades: Expectations

Our site-based teams did a remarkable job this year with the North Carolina School Report Card. Twenty months ago, the district had two C's and one D; it now has two B's and one C. The district's goal for next year is to have three B's, with students learning, being proficient, and being prepared for life after high school.

Other

The Class of 1967 is celebrating its 50th class reunion. This is significant because participants of that class, the Perquimans County Union High School football team, won the State 2A Football Championship in 1965. In coordination with PCHS Principal Wayne Price and Athletic Director Justin Roberson, the participants of the 50th year class reunion will be invited to the high school in October during Senior Night to be honored on the football field and to see their championship year be placed on the Perquimans County High School banner near the field. The team won 34-0 over Kannapolis Carver. Mayor Yates is assisting in getting some of the championship team members to the district for this special recognition.

Board Chair's Comments


Mrs. Spaugh thanked the board members who will be attending the NCSBA Annual Conference in Greensboro in November. Board members attending the conference include Ralph Hollowell, Anne White, and Leary Winslow, along with Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman. Board members not attending the conference should be aware that there are ways of earning the required 12 CEUs outside of the School Boards Association.

Announcements

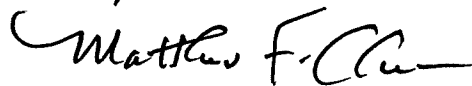
- Board Retreat – Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., Central Office
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Monday, October 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Amy G. Spaugh, Board Chair



Matthew F. Cheeseman, Superintendent