Perquimans County Board of Education Special Session – April 15, 2019

The Perquimans County Board of Education met for a joint work session with County Commissioners on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools in Hertford, North Carolina. Board members Dr. Anne White, Amy Spaugh, Matt Peeler, and Leary Winslow were present. Board members Russell Lassiter and Arlene Yates were absent.

County Commissioners present included Joseph Hoffler, Kyle Jones, Fondella Leigh, Alan Lennon, Wallace Nelson, and Charles Woodard. Also in attendance were County Manager Frank Heath, County Clerk Mary Hunnicutt, and County Finance Officer Tracy Mathews.

In addition to directors and chiefs, Tanya Turner, incoming superintendent, also attended the meeting.

Board Chairwoman Dr. Anne White called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

New Business

Dr. Anne White welcomed County Commissioners, staff, and guests and provided brief opening comments.

Interim Superintendent Mr. James Bunch began with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the great things that are happening in Perquimans County Schools.

Chief Finance Officer Larissa York provided local budget highlights including the 2018-2019 total budget, history of Average Daily Membership (ADM), history of local revenue, and 2018-2019 budget highlights. Mrs. York noted 2019-2020 budget issues which included federal budget cut by 2%, retirement increase by 1.62%, hospitalization increase by \$245 per employee, teacher salary and supplement increases, classified employee salary increases, bridge closures, and fuel and utility price increases.

Director of Maintenance Jim Davison provided capital outlay highlights which included the 2019-2020 capital outlay needs. He noted that the original request to the Board of Education totaled \$1.4 million which included the \$160,000 for the 1:1 technology initiative. The prioritized budget totaled \$764,000 which included the \$160,000 for the 1:1 technology initiative. Category I needs included tuck and repoint the exterior of Building G at PCHS, DDC controls for HVAC, replace kitchen equipment (phase 1 of 4), replace insulation on chill water line at HGS, renovate Building C Auditorium at PCHS (teachers' lounge, staff restroom, stage area), prepare ramp for graduation at PCHS, remove asbestos from Building B at HGS, repair roof at Maintenance Building, install heaters in non-heated bay at Transportation Building, and engineering fees. Category II needs included replacement of bleacher system at PCMS and replacement of aged risers at PCS.

Director of Transportation Jeff Miller presented the Category III needs which included vehicle replacement (Central Office and Maintenance), fire truck lease, painting of 2004 activity bus (8126), replacement of 30 passenger 1997 mini activity bus, and replacement of 72 passenger 2000 activity bus.

Following brief comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Dr. Anne White. Chairperson

James R. Bunch, Interim Superintenden