Perquimans County Board of Education Special Session – April 1, 2019

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session on Monday, April 1, 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, Russell Lassiter, Matt Peeler, Leary Winslow, and Arlene Yates were present.

Board Chairwoman Dr. Anne White called the meeting to order. Arlene Yates led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Russell Lassiter said a prayer.

Approval of Agenda

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

Closed Session

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously at 7:35 p.m. to enter closed session regarding personnel matters that are confidential under General Statutes 143-318.11(a) (1) and (6), and 115C-319 and -321.

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously at 7:43 p.m. to return to open session.

Chairwoman Dr. Anne White thanked the Masonboro Group for facilitating the search process, Board Attorney Schwartz & Shaw for finalizing the superintendent's contract, and Mr. James Bunch for serving as Interim Superintendent until the new superintendent begins on May 1, 2019.

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to elect Tanya Turner to be the next superintendent of the Perquimans County Schools for a term beginning May 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, under the terms and conditions set forth in the contract prepared by the school board's attorney.

After taking an oath, Ms. Turner signed the Superintendent's Contract as prepared by the school board's attorney.

Dr. White shared information about Ms. Turner from a prepared press release. Copies of the press release were distributed to each person in the audience.

Ms. Turner thanked Dr. White and members of the Board of Education for giving her the opportunity to serve the students and community of Perquimans County. She stated she was very humbled and considered this opportunity as an extreme honor. She stated she knew many of the people in the room—some she has worked with, some she has been to school with, and some she has taught—and thanked them for being at the meeting to welcome her. Those that she did not know, she looks forward to meeting and working closely with in the future. Ms. Turner shared information about herself and her son, who is also a product of Perquimans County Schools. She said "every child, every day" is a powerful phrase from our mission statement, a phrase that we need to take very seriously in our careers as educators. Everyone in the school system, in every role, has an opportunity to make an impact on the life of a child every day, whether it is a direct impact or an indirect impact. She said together we can work to make positive impacts on the lives of children of Perquimans County.

Dr. White asked the audience to mark their calendars for Monday, April 29, 2019, the next regular board meeting when Ms. Turner will be sworn in as Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools.

Dr. White asked each person in the audience to introduce themselves and share their role in the school system. Following introductions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Dr. Anne White. Chairperson

James R. Bunch, Interim Superintendent