

Perquimans County Board of Education  
Special Session – March 10, 2020

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools. Board members in attendance included Dr. Anne White, Matt Peeler, Leary Winslow, and Arlene Yates. Board members Amy Spaugh and Russell Lassiter were absent. Also in attendance were staff members Rube Blanchard, James Bunch, Kim Cullipher, Kanika Griffin, Michelle Maddox, Mary Kay Peele, Tanya Turner, and Aubrey Tynch.

Chair Anne White called the meeting to order. Matt Peeler led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Leary Winslow said a prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted 3 to 1, with Mr. Peeler voting against the motion, to approve the agenda including items about the coronavirus and NC Heroes.

Dr. Anne White noted that Governor Cooper just declared a state of emergency to respond to the coronavirus. She offered this information for awareness of the situation.

Dr. White also mentioned the NC Heroes Contest. Perquimans County Schools is in a position to possibly receive \$10,000 as Mr. Robert Banks is in 11<sup>th</sup> place.

Consideration of Personnel Summary Report

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously approve the Superintendent's recommendations regarding personnel items as presented. Ms. Turner congratulated Kim Cullipher, who was just approved as the School Nutrition Director effective March 2, 2020. Ms. Turner also noted that Jamie Johnson, who was approved as the Maintenance Director, will begin his duties on April 1, 2020.

Capital Outlay and Local Current Expense Budget Information

Superintendent Tanya Turner thanked Aubrey Tynch for serving as the Interim Maintenance Director and for his leadership and guidance through the budget process.

Superintendent Turner presented Capital Outlay Budget highlights of 2019-2020, including funding sources, projects that have been completed (with photos), as well as projects to be completed by the end of the fiscal year, for a grand total of \$597,658.37.

The Capital Outlay Budget needs for 2020-2021 were listed individually (with photos) and grouped by priority with Priority 1 needs totaling \$569,744.00; Priority 2 needs \$74,990; Priority 3 needs \$534,515.25; and Priority 4 needs \$288,067.00.

The Technology 1:1 Initiative request for 2020-2021 totals \$142,387, which includes the lease payment of \$137,387 (includes sales tax) and property taxes of \$5,000 (estimated).

Chief Finance Officer Rube Blanchard presented the Current Expense Budget requests for 2020-2021. The projected ADM for 2020-2021 is 1,624 students. Mr. Blanchard illustrated the actual 2019-2020 total budget of \$20,094,334 compared to the proposed 2020-2021 total budget of \$19,097,250. In another illustration, he showed that the county appropriation has been level for the past two fiscal years at \$2,900,000. In another slide, Mr. Blanchard showed the 10-year

historical fund balance report. As of June 30, 2010, the remaining fund balance was \$928,248.00. The balance has been spent down through the years with \$142,400.00 appropriated for fiscal year 2019-2020 for a remaining fund balance of \$2,728.00.

Mr. Blanchard also listed additional expenditures for 2020-2021 fiscal year which total \$594,272:

- Shortfall 2019-2020 (\$142,000 fund balance)
- Loss of Low Wealth Funding (\$93,785)
- (\$52,000) in textbooks due to no carryover
- (\$90,000) Medicaid/Exceptional Children
- (\$24,136) Loss of Federal Funding carryover
- (\$22,850) Increase in Charter School Allocations
- (\$62,000) Bridge Closure estimated expenses
- (\$73,866) Estimated increase in benefits
- (\$33,235) Personnel benefits on behalf of RIF employees

Mr. Blanchard outlined the 2019-2020 expenses for School Resource Officers paid by the Board of Education, \$157,295, and by the County, \$9,254.

Reductions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year include the following: eliminate locally paid portions of SRO salaries (pending grant eligibility); eliminate two months of 12-month SRO; and reduction in force (RIF) across the district (licensed, classified, and attrition) for a total of \$320,535. Chief Human Resources Officer Michelle Maddox shared with the Board a copy of the proposed Reduction in Force Timeline for 2020-2021. According to the timeline, at the Board of Education meeting on March 23, 2020, the Superintendent will recommend to the Board a reduction in force to include total dollar amount of recommended cuts and reference number of licensed and classified positions affected.

The 2020-2021 Local Current Expense Request includes:

- 2019-2020 County Appropriation \$2,900,000
- Additional Expenditures \$594,272
- Reductions in Personnel (\$320,535)

The total Current Expense request is \$3,173,737, which is an increase of \$273,737.

The total budget summary of request for 2020-2021 includes:

- Capital Outlay Funding Sources
  - ½ cent sales tax estimated \$290,000
  - Priority 1 \$569,744
  - Priority 2 \$74,990
  - Priority 3 \$534,515
  - Priority 4 \$288,067
  - Total: \$1,467,316
- Technology 1:1 \$142,387
- Current Expense Request \$273,737

#### Announcement

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Central Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
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Dr. Anne White, Chairperson

  
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Tanya Turner, Superintendent