Perquimans County Board of Education Special Meeting – March 8, 2021

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools. This meeting was held in accordance with Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 141, Section 7, which states that the prohibition on Mass Gatherings does not apply to educational institutions or government operations. However, social distancing was observed and face coverings were worn unless an exception applied. Audio access was available to the public by dialing a telephone number and entering a meeting ID and passcode.

Board Chair Dr. Anne White called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Vice Chair Amy Spaugh led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Russell Lassiter said a prayer.

Board members present: Board Chair Dr. Anne White (in person), Vice Chair Amy Spaugh (in person), Russell Lassiter (in person), Leary Winslow (remote) and Arlene Yates (in person). Matt Peeler was absent.

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

Superintendent Tanya Turner thanked board members for attending the special meeting, a budget work session for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Director of Maintenance Jamie Johnson shared Capital Outlay budget highlights of 2020-2021, which included funding sources, a review of Capital Outlay projects, before and after pictures of painting at PCHS, PCHS auditorium, PCHS lab faucets, and painting at PCMS inside and outside. Mr. Johnson presented Capital Outlay Budget needs for 2021-2022, which included a prioritized list with the cost of each project. He also listed future Capital Outlay projects, along with pictures illustrating those needs.

Chief Finance Officer Rube Blanchard presented the total Capital Outlay requests which totaled \$563,387. This total included the Priority 1 projects (\$371,000), budget for unplanned expenses (\$50,000), and the Technology 1:1 initiative (\$142,387).

Mr. Blanchard moved on to the Current Expense requests for 2021-2022. He included a history of the ADM and the 2021-2022 total proposed budget for State, Local Fund #2, Federal, Child Nutrition, and Other, which total \$19,414,842. He provided a history of the local revenue, noting there was level funding for FY 20. He included a report of the historical fund balance from year ending June 30, 2010 (actual) to June 30, 2021 (projected). He explained in detail expenditures which impact our local budget. Those expenditures include charter schools, benefit increases (retirement and health), decrease/elimination of State Low Wealth, decrease/elimination of SRO grants, closure of S-shaped bridge, and state mandated salary increases.

The FY 2021-2022 Local Current Expense budget request totals \$3,103,236, an increase of \$203,236 from the current year. The FY 2021-2022 Capital Outlay budget request totals \$563,387, an increase of \$88,387 from the current year.

Ms. Turner, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Blanchard entertained questions and suggestions from the Board regarding charter schools, COVID funds, among other items during the presentation.

Announcements

Dr. White thanked everyone for wearing their mask and suggested that wearing masks correctly should be modeled at the meeting with the Commissioners. She noted that Mr. Peeler was detained at work and was hoping to make it to the meeting, but did not. She also announced that COVID first dose vaccines would be given tomorrow from 9:00-11:30 or until they run out.

Regular Board of Education Meeting - Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at CO

Budget Work Session with County Commissioners - Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at PCHS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Dr. Anne White, Chairperson

Tanya Turney, Superintendent