

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – March 29, 2012

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools. Board members in attendance included Arlene Yates, Amy Spaugh, Susan Cox, Ralph Hollowell and Walter Leigh. Wallace Nelson was absent.

Board Chair Arlene Yates called the meeting to order. Susan Cox led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Ralph Hollowell opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Special Recognitions

None

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 regular meeting as presented.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Transfer Requests Report for March 29, 2012 as presented. When asked about the status of Kindergarten registration, Principal Melissa Fields stated that 115 children have been enrolled and that there are 20 Pre-K students and 15 Head Start students to enroll as well.

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report for March 29, 2012 as presented.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Director of Technology Victor Eure presented a services and use agreement with CenturyLink for the renewal of wide area network services. Mr. Eure explained that this three-year contract will provide shared Internet access, connecting our schools to the world and each other. The total cost for services is \$123,000 per year, of which \$100,000 will be paid by e-rate and \$20,000 by a legislative grant. When asked about other bids for this service, Mr. Eure noted that only one other speculative bid was received. Dr. Stallings noted that due to the diligence of Mr. Eure, our school district has received this funding as well as other grants. Also, Mr. Eure explained that the work taking place on US 17 is the MCNC "middle mile," or the installation of the fiber ring. This will provide an incentive to private providers to provide cheaper access to the Internet to homes in the county. Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with CenturyLink for renewal of wide area network services as presented.

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with the low bidder, Albemarle Termite & Pest, for Pest Management Services in the amount of \$5,700.00 per fiscal year as presented, pending funding for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with the low bidder, B & M Contractors, Inc., for electrical services for the parking lot lighting project at Perquimans County Middle School in the amount of \$33,641.00 as presented. Four poles and eight lights will be installed to provide better lighting on the campus. A budget amendment for this project will be prepared and presented at the next board meeting.

The Board conducted a first reading of the proposed school calendar for 2012-2013. Dr. Stallings noted that the five-day waiver request for Perquimans County Schools was approved by State Superintendent Dr. June Atkinson. These five days will be used for professional development for the Common Core and Essential Standards. Dr. Stallings also noted that the proposed calendar does not allow for utility days as were designated in the 2011-2012 calendar; therefore, Saturdays, optional work days and professional development days will be used for make-up days. The Board will take formal action on the proposed calendar at the April board meeting.

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution in support of the elimination of discretionary reversions for all school systems in North Carolina.

In regard to the Alternative Learning Program audit, Assistant Superintendent James Bunch noted that the Board was proactive in adopting the new discipline policies and believes this to be the reason for the success and effectiveness of the program. He stated that Rebecca Martin is doing a great job and the students have benefitted greatly. There are approximately 15 students in grades 6-12 now attending the program.

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with the Perquimans County Department of Social Services regarding the provision of protective services by the Department of Social Services.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following revised/corrected board policies as presented:

2115	Unexpired Term Fulfillment
2120	Code of Ethics for School Board Members
2123	Board Member Opportunities for Development
2210	Duties of Officers
2230	Board Committees
2300	Board Meetings
2340	Parliamentary Procedures
2342	Voting Methods
2500	Hearings Before the Board
3225/4312/7320	Technology Acceptable Use
3227/7322	Web Page Development
3640	Graduation Requirements
4003	Translating Policies for Students and Parents
4023	Education for Pregnant and Parenting Students
4135	Tuition for Discretionary Admission
4150	School Assignment
4300	Student Behavior Policies
4302	School Plan for Management of Student Behavior
4318	Use of Wireless Communication Devices
4341	Parental Involvement in Student Behavior Issues
4345	Student Discipline Records
4351	Short-Term Suspension

6000	Support Services
6100	Goals of Student Health Services
6110	Organization of Student Health Services
6120	Student Health Services
6125	Administering Medicines to Students
6140	Student Wellness
6200	Goals of Child Nutrition Programs
6210	Organization of the Child Nutrition Program
6220	Operation of the Child Nutrition Program
6225	Free and Reduced Price Food Services
6230	Nutritional Standards for Food Selection
6235	Beverage Vending Sales
6300	Goals of Student Transportation Services
6305	Safety and Student Transportation Services
6306	School Bus Idling
6306-R	School Bus Idling Procedures
6310	Organization of Student Transportation Services
6315	Drivers
6320	Use of Student Transportation Services
6321	Bus Routes
6322	Student Assignment to Buses
6330	Insurance for Student Transportation Services
6340	Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts
6400	Goals of the Purchasing Function
6401	Ethics and the Purchasing Function
6402	Participation by Historically Underutilized Businesses
6410	Organization of the Purchasing Function
6420	Contracts with the Board
6421	Pre-Audit Certification
6425	Continuing Contracts
6430	State Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies
6440	Local Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies
6441/9121	Bidders' List
6442	Vendor Lists
6450	Purchase of Services
6500	Goals of Equipment, Materials and Supplies Services
6510	Organization of Equipment, Materials and Supplies Services
6520	Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies
6521	Personal Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies
6522	Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies by Non-School Groups
6525	Instructional Materials Services
6530	Resource Conservation
6540	Hazardous Materials
6550	Vandalism
6560	Disposal of Surplus Property
7100	Recruitment and Selection of Personnel
7405	Extra-Curricular and Non-Instructional Duties
7440	Assignments/Reassignments/Transfers
7460	Student Teachers
7510	Leave
7520	Family and Medical Leave

7821	Petition for Removal of Personnel Records
2122	Role of Board Members in Handling Complaints
2125/7315	Confidential Information\
2321	Closed Sessions
2325	Board Meeting News Coverage
2330	Board Meeting Agenda
2440	Policy Review and Evaluation
2450	Suspension of Board Policies
2460	Administration in Policy Absence
6524	Network Security

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stallings presented the list of bus drivers with perfect attendance for February 2012. He noted that there were ten bus drivers with perfect attendance for the month of February and five with perfect attendance for the year to date.

Dr. Stallings announced that the State Board of Education will meet in special session on April 3, 2012 to hear presentations from the eight regions across the state on how budget cuts are affecting education in North Carolina. From the northeast region, Superintendents Don Phipps and John Farrelly, two students from Columbia High School in Tyrrell County, and Judge J.C. Cole will speak on how the budget cuts are impacting school districts in the northeast.

Board Chair's Comments

Board Chair Yates asked the Superintendent to speak about the budget cuts expected for next school year. Dr. Stallings noted that Perquimans County Schools will no longer receive the Education Jobs Funds totaling \$424,732.00 and will have to revert \$597,163.00 for fiscal year 2012-2013. He noted that he will talk further about the proposed budget at the budget work session on April 5, 2012.

Board Chair Yates thanked Mrs. Spaugh for filling in for her at last month's board meeting. Mrs. Yates attended a special event in Washington, D.C. where she met Vice President Joe Biden.

Announcements

- Budget Work Session, Thursday, April 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building
- Joint Work Session with County Commissioners, Monday, April 23, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., Board of Education Building
- Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, April 23, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent