

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – November 28, 2011

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools. Board members in attendance included Amy Spaugh, Arlene Yates, Susan Cox, Ralph Hollowell, Walter Leigh and Wallace Nelson.

Board Chair Arlene Yates called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited and Amy Spaugh opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Special Recognition

The Perquimans County High School JV Volleyball Team was recognized for a perfect season. The Lady Pirates won all 20 of their games this fall, capturing the Four Rivers Conference title in junior varsity play. The team consisted of seven players—Ashley Berry, Ashley Ginn, Holly Hunter, Jordan Chappell, Mattie Saunders, Amber Stallings and Haley Cooper—who were lead by Coach Kristie Thach. On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Stallings presented each player, Coach Thach, Athletic Director Michael Horwat and Principal Chanté Lassiter with an embroidered fleece blanket which noted the team's award-winning season.

Dr. Stallings also recognized the Perquimans County Board of Education for receiving the North Carolina School Boards Association, Academy for School Boardsmanship, Special Achievement Award for Exemplary Training by each board member for 2010-2011. The Perquimans County Board was one of only 35 of the 115 school boards that earned this recognition for the 2010-2011 academy year. Actually, according to General Statute 115C-50, all board members are required to earn 12 hours of training annually.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on October 24, 2011, the special meeting / tour of schools on November 3, 2011 and the emergency meeting on November 14, 2011 as presented.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Transfer Requests report for November 28, 2011 as presented.

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board voted to approve the Personnel Summary Report for November 28, 2011 as presented.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Career & Technical Education Director Sandy Meads presented for consideration a contract with East Carolina Health-Chowan, Inc. d/b/a Chowan Hospital, along with proposed revisions to the contract from Board Attorney John Leidy. Entering such a contract would enable Medical Science II students to participate in clinical activities at the hospital beginning December 9th. Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted to enter into this contract with East Carolina Health-Chowan, Inc. d/b/a Chowan Hospital, including the recommended revisions from Board Attorney John Leidy. It was noted that Wallace Nelson recused himself from the vote since he is an employee at Chowan Hospital.

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve Amendment #7 to the State Fund, Amendment #8 to the Local Fund / Special Revenue Fund, Amendment #9 to the Capital Outlay Fund, and Amendment #10 to the Child Nutrition Fund as presented.

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing Fund 6, the Daycare Fund, as presented. Assistant Superintendent James Bunch informed the Board that due to budget cuts, Perquimans Central School no longer provides daycare service. He explained that there were not enough funds raised to provide the service and that some parents could not afford to pay for the service.

After a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed policy for naming specific buildings or portions of the new athletic complex at Perquimans County High School, including the revisions discussed by the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stallings presented the list of bus drivers with perfect attendance for October 2011. He noted that there were 18 bus drivers with perfect attendance for the month of October and 13 with perfect attendance for the year to date.

In response to the Board Chair's request for a better understanding of the formula used to pay classified staff, particularly bus drivers and teacher assistants in split positions, Dr. Stallings provided various scenarios for the Board, i.e., when the teacher assistant pay is higher than the bus driver rate of pay and vice versa and how the employee's pay is calculated using a specific formula used in situations where an employee works split positions. Ralph Hollowell asked if teacher assistants who indicated on the survey form that they were willing to drive a school bus are actually driving a bus or are going through the training to obtain their bus license since during the reduction in force process points were awarded to those who indicated they would drive a bus. Dr. Stallings noted that the Board may need to reexamine the points system in the event a reduction in force has to be implemented again this year. Perquimans Central School Principal Melissa Fields noted that attempts have been made for the requirements that teacher assistants agreed upon and that in fact two teacher assistants at Central have successfully passed the training to drive a school bus. Board Chair Yates requested that the Superintendent provide board members with a report detailing information on teacher assistants who also drive school buses.

Board Chair's Comments

In regard to a memo from Leanne Winner of the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA), Board Chair Yates asked board members if anyone was interested in applying to serve on the 2012 NCSBA Legislative Committee which would craft the 2013-2014 legislative agenda for the NCSBA.

Wallace Nelson voiced interest in applying for service on this committee. It was the consensus of the Board that Wallace Nelson apply for a position on the 2012 NCSBA Legislative Committee. An application must be completed and submitted to the NCSBA by December 15, 2011.

Board Chair Yates distributed copies of board members' cumulative training hours to date for the 2011-2012 academy year in the event they needed to obtain additional training hours in order to fulfill training requirements for board members as outlined in the General Statutes.

Board Chair Yates requested that the balance in the Board's travel budget be reported at the next board meeting. She also requested that the Superintendent check into the possibility of having an ROTC program at the high school and provide a report at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Amy Spaugh asked about the evaluation process for the Superintendent, specifically about using the state evaluation instrument this year. She noted that information about the evaluation process is available on-line and that the Board needs to seriously consider the process that will be used.

Announcements

- Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, December 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent