

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – October 24, 2011

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 24, 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, and Walter Leigh. Wallace Nelson was absent. A number of guests were in attendance including six young men from Boy Scout Troop 150-9.

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

Special Recognition

Sandra Cooper, an Exceptional Children Teacher at Perquimans County Middle School, was recognized as Perquimans County Schools' 2011-2012 Exceptional Children Teacher of Excellence. Dr. Stallings noted that Mrs. Cooper was nominated "because of her passion for student learning, her teaching style and technique for empowering students, and her belief those special needs children can, and do succeed." On behalf of the Board, Dr. Stallings presented Mrs. Cooper with a gift for receiving this special recognition.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on September 26, 2011 as presented.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the meeting and the addendum to the consent agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Student Transfer Requests report for October 24, 2011 as presented.

Upon motion by Susan Cox and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted to approve the Personnel Summary Report and addendum for October 24, 2011 as presented. Board member Ralph Hollowell did not vote since he entered the meeting just prior to the vote. Superintendent Stallings noted that he would contact board members regarding the recommendation for the school nurse position once the background check was returned.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Old Business

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Susan Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the School Improvement Plans for 2011-2012 as presented.

New Business

Charles Ward, chairman of the Perquimans County High School Athletic Complex Fundraising Committee, presented a proposal to the Board that recommended naming rights for the athletic complex be allowed with a minimum contribution of \$100,000 by an individual or corporation for a particular part of the project.

Walter Leigh asked about the timeline for the fundraising. Susan Cox, who is also a member of the fundraising committee, noted that this proposal needed to be acted upon fairly quickly to take advantage of year-end contributions. It was the consensus of the Board to table this item until the full board could meet to discuss the proposal.

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve Amendment #6 to the State Fund as presented.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stallings presented the list of bus drivers with perfect attendance for September 2011. Susan Cox asked about the issue regarding employees working 40 hours per week. Dr. Stallings indicated that this was going well as there are "good folks" working for us, driving split routes in the morning and afternoon in order to obtain 40 hours per week.

Dr. Stallings distributed a copy of a letter that will go out to staff in the October paychecks regarding the elimination of prepayment for all school employees effective July 1, 2012. Dr. Stallings noted that pay periods will look different after July 1st, but is not sure yet what they will look like. Changes will not be made to the pay schedule until the Department of Public Instruction provides additional information about this legislative change.

Dr. Stallings mentioned that a broadband survey will go out to Perquimans students next week to determine the availability of Internet access. This is a joint effort of Perquimans County and Perquimans County Schools.

Board Chair's Comments

None

Announcements

- Tour of Schools (Perquimans High and Hertford Grammar) Thursday, November 3, 2011, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Perquimans High
- North Carolina School Boards Association Annual Meeting, November 14 – 16, 2011, Sheraton Four Seasons, Greensboro, North Carolina
- Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, November 28, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building
- Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, December 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building

It was noted that there would be a special meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. prior to the tour of schools to discuss the recommendation from the fundraising committee regarding naming rights for the new high school athletic complex.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent