

Perquimans County Board of Education  
Regular Session – April 29, 2019

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 29, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Perquimans Central School, Winfall, North Carolina. Board members Dr. Anne White, Amy Spough, Russell Lassiter, Matt Peeler, and Arlene Yates were present. Leary Winslow was absent.

Board Chair Dr. Anne White called the meeting to order and welcomed staff and guests to the meeting. Catherine Howell, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at PCMS, Eleanor Howell, 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at HGS, and Williams Howell, 1<sup>st</sup> grade student at PCS, led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Dr. Rob Jackson, Superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, offered the invocation.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Oath of Office Ceremony**

Mr. John Lassiter, Principal of Hertford Grammar School, introduced Ms. Tanya Turner, incoming superintendent of Perquimans County Schools. He used a quote from John Maxwell noting that Ms. Turner is one who “knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way,” and does so without desiring recognition. Following the introduction, The Honorable J. Carlton “J.C.” Cole, Superior Court Judge, issued the oath of office to Ms. Turner. Ms. Turner then offered comments noting that she was glad to be coming home—as home is where the heart is—to serve the students, families and community of Perquimans County. Dr. Anne White asked the audience to reflect on the comments made by Ms. Turner and to help make the vision of Perquimans County Schools, student learning for all, a reality.

Following the Oath of Office Ceremony, a moment of silence was offered in memory of Perquimans County High School Science Teacher, Ms. Catherine Bright.

**Good News**

The Good News portion of the agenda was presented by Mrs. Kanika Griffin, Chief Academic Officer.

**PQ Proud Employees of the Month**

Grades PreK-5

Classified – Mr. Devin Mallory, Bookkeeper at Perquimans Central School

Certified – Dr. Latonia Johnson, District Mental Health Counselor

Grades 6-12

Classified – Ms. Tammy Rose, School Nutrition Manager at Perquimans County Middle School

Certified – Ms. Anisha Spellman, EC Teacher at Perquimans County High School

**FFA Blue 365 Challenge Grant**

Kelly Russell and Courtney Hale – CTE Teachers at Perquimans County Middle School

**Duke Energy and Jennette’s Pier Grants**

Rachel West – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Hertford Grammar School

Perfect Reading Score on ACT

Zoe Sawyer – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at Perquimans County High School

Lauren Winslow – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at Perquimans County High School

AU Problem Solving Team / April - Autism Awareness Month

Heather Rountree – Chairperson

Doriece Pittman

Stephanie Crank

Ellen Silva

Stephanie Fuller

Andreka Wrighton

Kira Johnston

Special Olympics 2019 Spring Games

Student Athletes

Committee

Nyriah Blanchard

Chiquita Sutton – Chairperson

Tyrek Brinkley

Michelle Blanchard – Parent

Kiara Chambers

Aaron Burke

Robert Clifton

Stephanie Crank

Marchon Coward

Ellen Silva

Braheen Evans

Anisha Spellman

Justin Johnson

Jan Tripp

Zynasha Jones

Sera Turner

Nahzjir Kee

Annette Whidbee

Michael Meservey

Heather Winslow

Pasean Ousley

Andreka Wrighton

Jolena Privott

Serenity Riddick

Bradley Smith

Donors Choose Grants

Holly Jordan – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Perquimans Central School

Heather Rountree – Pre-K Teacher at Perquimans Central School

Farm Bureau Grant

Stephanie Crank – EC Teacher at Perquimans Central School

Stacey Pierce – Media Coordinator at Perquimans Central School

Horace Mann Crystal Apple Award

Devin Mallory – Bookkeeper at Perquimans Central School

Laura Duncan – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Perquimans Central School

Liz Stallings – School Nurse at Perquimans Central School

Special Presentation

In appreciation for his service as Interim Superintendent, Dr. White presented Mr. James Bunch a plaque in recognition of his leadership, dedication and commitment to the students, faculty and staff of Perquimans County Schools.

Brief Recess

After a brief recess, the meeting continued.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 special session, the March 25, 2019 regular

session, the March 26, 2019 special session, the April 1, 2019 special session, and the April 15, 2019 special session as presented.

### **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding student transfer requests for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 as presented.

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report for April 29, 2019 as presented.

### **Public Hearing / Requests from the Public**

None

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Local Current Expense Budget for 2019-2020**

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed Local Current Expense Budget for 2019-2020 for formal presentation to the County Commissioners in May.

#### **Capital Outlay Budget for 2019-2020**

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed Capital Outlay Budget for 2019-2020 for formal presentation to the County Commissioners in May.

### **New Business**

#### **RFPs for Auditor**

After a discussion regarding the recommendation for auditing services, the Board took the following action. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a three-year contract with Donna Winborne, CPA, P.C., to audit the accounts of Perquimans County Schools for FY20, FY21, and FY22 as presented.

#### **Budget Amendments**

After a discussion regarding the Participate position, the Board took the following action. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to adopt State Public School Fund – Budget Amendment #6, Local Current Expense Fund – Budget Amendment #2, Federal Grants Fund – Budget Amendment #4, Capital Outlay Fund – Budget Amendment #1, and Other Specific Revenue Fund – Budget Amendment # 3 as presented.

#### **Board Policies**

The Board conducted a first reading and had discussion of the policies in the Spring 2019 Policy Update that was presented by Director of Innovation and Policy Mrs. Cynthia Perry. The Board will consider these policies for action at the May meeting.

### **Reports / Updates**

#### **Athletic Complex**

Director of Maintenance James Davison provided an update on the athletic complex. He stated the irrigation system is up and running, grass has been sprigged in on the playing field and the practice field, 4" of crush and run have been added to the south parking lot, the 4' fence has been installed around the field, the 8' fence has been installed around the perimeter, and the sidewalks are being formed and poured. Regarding options for the wells, Mr. Davison is

working with Lyle Brown, the Town of Hertford, and a well digger from Plymouth to devise a plan for a well to supply water for the irrigation system since the two wells that were dug are producing a small amount of water. The foundation for the goal posts has been set and the scoreboard has been ordered. Bids are currently being received for the foundation for the scoreboard, the largest scoreboard in eastern North Carolina. In addition, Mr. Davison has received all the training for the Musco lighting system for the football field.

#### Student Discipline Data

Mr. Bunch presented the student discipline data for the month of April, noting there has been little fluctuation in the data compared to previous years. After a discussion regarding demographics related to discipline data, it was noted that it was necessary to know the demographics in order to determine corrective action when needed.

#### Interim Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bunch offered his congratulations to Ms. Turner, incoming superintendent of Perquimans County Schools. He also thanked Mr. Davison for his efforts on the athletic complex and Dr. Norris Parker for his service to Perquimans County Schools as a principal, Chief Academic Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer. Dr. Parker will be assuming the position of Assistant Superintendent for Wilson County Schools.

In regard to the bus accident that occurred this morning, Mr. Bunch stated that none of our students were seriously injured, but some parents chose to take their student to the hospital after the accident. Mr. Bunch has checked on the driver and will check on her again later this evening. While watching the video, Mr. Bunch saw the students helping each other and getting off the bus just like they were trained to do.

#### Board Chair's Comments

On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. White offered her thanks to Mr. Bunch for his efforts on the athletic complex.

Dr. White also mentioned that she attended her first meeting of the 11-member board of the North Carolina School Boards Trust last month in Raleigh.

Dr. White extended her thanks and appreciation to the leadership team, faculty and staff, for working together as a team.

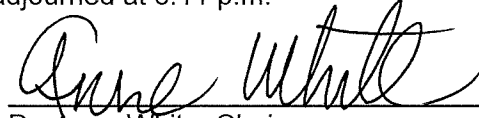
Board Member Arlene Yates provided information from a conference she recently attended. In regard to Medicaid expansion, she learned that there will be a change in billing that will roll out in the next two years. She also learned about the importance of hiring African American male teachers which could possibly help reduce the dropout rate of African American males by 40%.

In order to get to know the Superintendent better, Dr. White noted that Ms. Turner's application packet will be available at each school effective May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Announcements

- Budget Presentation to the County Commissioners – Monday, May 13, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex
- Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 27, 2019 – Schools and Central Office Closed
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Central Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

  
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Dr. Anne White, Chairperson

  
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Tanya Turner, Superintendent