

Perquimans County Board of Education  
Special Session – December 11, 2018

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools in Hertford, North Carolina. Board members Dr. Anne White, Amy Spaugh, Russell Lassiter, Matt Peeler, Leary Winslow and Arlene Yates were present.

Board Chair Dr. Anne White called the meeting to order. Leary Winslow led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Arlene Yates said a prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Arlene Yates made a motion and Amy Spaugh seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Matt Peeler requested that Item III, Photographing, Filming or Recording a Meeting, be removed from the agenda since the meeting was a special called meeting and the item appeared to deal with a policy matter.

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with Item III, Photographing, Filming or Recording a Meeting, removed from the agenda.

At this point, Superintendent Cheeseman recused himself from the meeting as he was recently hired by one of the search firms and did not want to influence the Board's discussion in the selection process. Therefore, the Board excused Mr. Cheeseman from the meeting.

Presentations

Allison Schafer, NCSBA Legal Counsel/Director of Policy, and Scott Murray, Staff Attorney, presented information on the North Carolina School Boards Association Superintendent Search Services. Ms. Schafer fielded questions from the Board regarding the process and the timeline.

Dr. Edwin West, Superintendent Search Coordinator, and Dr. Julius Walker, Jr. presented information on The Masonboro Group Superintendent Search Services. The Board discussed the current services contract with The Masonboro Group as well as the proposed search timeline.

Board Member Leary Winslow presented information on an alternative superintendent search option, particularly the Board conducting its own search. Mr. Winslow expressed appreciation for the work of the current superintendent during his three years in Perquimans, yet noted the importance of sustainability in that position. He noted that if the Board conducts its own search, it would save money and it would be done faster. Discussion pursued about the how the process would work if the Board conducted its own search.


After further discussion regarding the search options presented, the Board took the following action. Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to hire The Masonboro Group to assist in conducting the search to hire a superintendent as presented, using money from the existing contract with The Masonboro Group as discussed with Dr. West.

Board of Education Meeting Dates

Board Member Arlene Yates stated that she will have evening classes starting next semester. She asked the Board if it would consider conducting the superintendent interviews earlier in the day or on Saturday mornings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

  
Dr. Anne White, Chairperson

  
James R. Bunch, Interim Superintendent