

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – June 27, 2019

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools, Hertford, North Carolina. Board members Dr. Anne White, Amy Spaugh, Russell Lassiter, Matt Peeler, and Arlene Yates were present. Leary Winslow participated remotely via telephone.

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

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented, including the addendums.

Special Recognitions

Superintendent Tanya Turner recognized the following individuals:

Perquimans County Schools Retirees 2018-2019

Patti Curles – Teacher Assistant, Perquimans Central School, 33 years of service
Charlie Mallory – Custodial/Grounds Supervisor, Maintenance Department, 14 years of service
Nancy Morgan – School Counselor, Perquimans County High School, 26 years of service
Kam Mueller – Science Teacher, Perquimans County High School, 2 years of service

Perquimans County Schools NCCTM Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Leader

Rachel Bengel – 3rd Grade Teacher

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 regular session as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Matt Peeler, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the student transfer requests for 2019-2020, including the addendum, as presented by Superintendent Tanya Turner.

Prior to the vote on the Personnel Summary Report, Russell Lassiter recused himself since a family member was on the report for consideration, but noted that he was in favor of all other recommendations. Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Summary Report and addendum for June 27, 2019 as presented by Superintendent Tanya Turner.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Finance

Budget Amendments

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Arlene Yates, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve State Public School Fund – Amendment #7, Local Current Expense Fund – Amendment #3, Federal Grants Fund – Amendment #5, Capital Outlay Fund – Amendment #2, and Other Specific Revenue Fund – Amendment #4 as presented as Chief Finance Officer Larissa York.

FY 2019-2020 Interim Budget Resolution

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Matt Peeler, the Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt the FY 2019-2020 Interim Budget Resolution as presented by Chief Finance Officer Larissa York.

NCSBT Workers' Compensation Trust Fund Coverage Agreement

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Arlene Yates, the Board of Education voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with the North Carolina School Boards Trust for Workers' Compensation Trust Fund Coverage as presented as Chief Finance Officer Larissa York.

School Nutrition

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Peeler, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve meal prices for the 2019-2020 school year as presented by School Nutrition Director Shirley Pelletier. The meals prices for 2019-2020 are \$2.75 per meal for grades 3-12, and \$2.50 per meal for grades PreK-2. Superintendent Tanya Turner and Board Chair Dr. Anne White expressed appreciation for the outstanding work that Mrs. Pelletier does for our school system.

Curriculum and Instruction

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch thanked the Board of Education for its consideration of the Remote Learning Days initiative. Mr. Bunch recommended up to three virtual school days during the 2019-2020 school year. One of the days is planned for the November 1, 2019 work day. This will be a test run. Things that need to be improved upon will be noted and parent and student comments will be considered. Mr. Bunch noted the use of remote learning days has become a nationwide trend. Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Arlene Yates, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Remote Learning Days plan for the 2019-2020 school year as presented by Assistant Superintendent James Bunch.

Innovation and Policy

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Arlene Yates, the Board of Education voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to act as the Board's representative to file an application under ESEA and ESSA as presented by Innovation and Policy Director Cynthia Perry.

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Meeting Calendar for 2019-2020

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Peeler, the Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt the Board of Education meeting calendar for 2019-2020 as presented.

Representative for Perquimans County Schools Foundation Board

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board of Education voted unanimously to elect Leary Winslow to continue serving as of Board of Education's representative on the Perquimans County Schools Foundation Board for 2019-2020.

Reports / Updates

Athletic Complex Update

Maintenance Director James Davison stated the grass at the football field is growing in well. He thanked Leary Winslow for putting down fertilizer and weed killer. Nitrogen will be applied next week. The scoreboard has arrived and is being stored at the maintenance building. While a crane is on site to move bleachers in place, the scoreboard will also be installed. Construction on the locker rooms has resumed with framing and plumbing, and electrical work will begin soon. The district purchased a reel mower which will be used to groom the field. Lyle Brown has volunteered to pick up the mower for us since we don't have a trailer large enough to transport it. Bases for the goal posts have been set and the uprights will go up when the crane arrives. The two I-beams that have been set on the north end of the field are for the scoreboard. Coach Nixon has planned a workday for student athletes to pick up small rocks before the reel mower is used on the field. Work remaining includes moving the sound system from the old field to the new field and installation of a concrete sidewalk from the main sidewalk to the concession stand for ADA compliance. The first home football game is September 5, 2019.

Athletic Complex Budget Update

Chief Finance Officer Larissa York distributed a year-end budget analysis for capital outlay funds. She provided the beginning 18/19 budget resolution of \$1,692,675.82. Additional revenue received during the year brought the total current revenue to \$1,793,002.78. Expenses to date for 18/19 total \$1,804,879.66. With the amount of ongoing projects that have not been completed, the current expenses total is \$1,962,603.67. The current capital outlay budget is operating at a loss of \$169,603.67. Mrs. York stated she discovered this last week and apologized to the Board. She stated she did not have experience with lottery projects and did not know that lottery projects had to be expensed. Mrs. York stated that available monies include \$146,029.00 from lottery funds and approximately \$44,000.00 for May and June sales tax which total \$190,029.00. With that money to offset the loss, there is \$20,428.11 available to finish the athletic complex. Mr. Davison stated there have been several discussions about how to avoid this problem in the future so that it does not happen again. Russell Lassiter acknowledged that the shortfall would be much higher had it not been for the donations of local business men Leary Winslow and Lyle Brown. In addition, Mr. Davison noted that Southern States donated the fertilizer for the field. Mr. Davison said that the \$20,428.11 that is available will pay for several items that need to be completed prior to using the field.

Lottery Funding Request

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the lottery funding request in the amount of \$146,029.00 for the athletic complex restroom/concessions building as requested by Maintenance Director James Davison.

Student Discipline Data

Mr. Bunch distributed a discipline data comparison which included suspensions and reportable offenses per school for 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019. The number of suspensions went up for three of the schools, with the number decreasing for Perquimans County High School. The three areas that caused the most suspensions at Perquimans County High School were tobacco/vape issues, class disruptions, and disrespect for teachers. At Perquimans

County Middle School, the top three violations that occurred were defiance issues, class disruptions, and horseplay. Hertford Grammar's top three concerns were aggressive behavior, inappropriate language/gestures, and disrespect of faculty and staff. At Perquimans Central School, physical aggression, defiance, and class disruptions were the top violations. Mr. Bunch stated that next school year, staff will concentrate on suspensions and support services will be provided.

According to G.S. 115C, there are 16 reportable offenses that principals are required to report. In our district, reportable offenses usually include possession of a weapon, possession of a controlled substance or alcohol issues. Perquimans Central School and Hertford Grammar School's numbers of reportable offenses remained about the same. There was an increase in the number of reportable offenses for Perquimans County Middle School and Perquimans County High School. Mr. Bunch explained that the formula used to determine the percentage of reportable offenses in North Carolina actually hurts smaller school systems since the percentage is determined by one act per 100 students.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tanya Turner presented a PowerPoint presentation containing various statistics that she prepared for a recent meeting with the Education Subcommittee of the NAACP. Information in the presentation included teacher to student ratio comparisons, NC education college enrollment data, student discipline data, student test data, graduation cohort data, and dropout data. Ms. Turner also shared suggestions and concerns voiced by participants during the meeting.

Board Chair's Comments

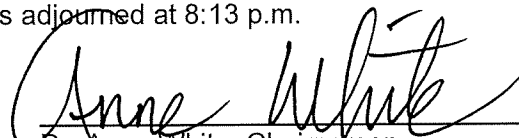
Dr. White thanked our faculty, staff and leadership team for doing a phenomenal job this school year.

Announcements

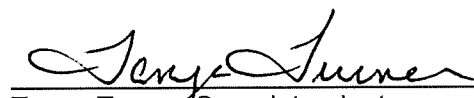
The next regular Board of Education Meeting / Organization of the Board will be held Monday, July 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Central Office.

Arlene Yates announced the first annual Alumni Basketball Showdown will be held at Perquimans County High School on Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30, from 9:00 a.m. until. Admission is \$5.00 and the cost to participate is \$10.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Dr. Anne White, Chairperson



Tanya Turner, Superintendent