

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – October 1, 2018

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 1, 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. Matt Peeler led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Arlene Yates opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented, including the addendum.

Good News

PBIS Recognitions

Model School 2018

Perquimans Central School

Green Ribbon Schools 2018

Hertford Grammar School

Perquimans County Middle School

Perquimans County High School

EC Educator of Excellence

Chiquita Sutton – Exceptional Children's Teacher, Perquimans County Middle School

National FFA Living to Serve Grant

Susan Perry – Agriculture Teacher, Perquimans County High School

Perquimans County High School FFA Students

Red Cross Shelter at PCHS during Hurricane Florence

Randy Awrey – Lead Teacher/Football Coach, Perquimans County High School

Elmer Rumble – Custodian, Perquimans County High School

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 regular session and the August 27, 2018 special session as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Arlene Yates, the board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendations contained in the Personnel Summary Report for October 1, 2018 as presented, including the addendum.

Public Hear / Requests from the Public

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Maintenance

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to dispose of surplus property as presented by Superintendent Cheeseman. Before the items are sold, the Board asked that the list be sent to teachers to see if they can use any of the items. In addition, the district will check to see if any of the items can be donated to the counties devastated by Hurricane Florence.

Finance

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the State Public School Fund – Amendment #1 and Federal Grants Fund – Amendment #1 as presented by Chief Finance Officer Larissa York.

Board of Education

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Anne White, Matt Peeler and Leary Winslow as voting delegates for the NCSBA Annual Conference for Board Member Development.

Reports / Updates

2017-2018 District Test Data

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Norris Parker presented in detail the 2017-2018 district test data. The State Board of Education published this data on September 5, 2018. On October 3, 2018, the School Report Card data will be published following the data correction period. For the second consecutive year, Perquimans County had no low performing schools as defined by North Carolina law. In addition, all schools in Perquimans County met expected EVAAS growth. The overall school performance grades are as follows: Hertford Grammar School – C; Perquimans County Middle School – C; and Perquimans County High School – B.

Class Size Update

Dr. Parker presented the current class size information. He provided two sets of numbers: (1) the raw number of teachers in the school and (2) the number of regular teachers including the TE2 teachers. In Perquimans County, the TE2 teachers are the Exceptional Children teachers who work with our students on a daily basis. In third grade, the teachers team teach which is also figured into the formula. Dr. Parker noted that Perquimans County is in good standing at this time in regard to compliance with the class size law for 2018-2019.

Draft Legislation: School Calendar/Hurricane Florence

Cynthia Perry, Director of Innovation and Policy, presented proposed draft legislation which addressed the school calendar as a result of Hurricane Florence. The Governor called for an extra session on October 2, 2018 to determine how the flexibility for school calendars will be handled. There may be some differences between the school districts that were declared disaster areas and those that were not. The pay for people who missed days because of the districts being closed will be covered by a \$2 million appropriation. Mrs. Perry expects that the legislature will announce soon what they are going to do. Following that announcement, Mr. Cheeseman stated that each school will schedule a Teacher Advisory Council meeting to gain teachers' input in the event the district is mandated to makeup those three days of employment.

Athletic Complex Update

Mr. Cheeseman presented James Davison's report on the current status of the athletic complex. Mr. Cheeseman noted that the contractor has put our irrigation project on a two-month delay, which will

delay the installation of the sod. Work has progressed on the concession/restroom building, but work on the field house has paused due to design options on the interior of the building. There will be no games played on the field this year, but the field could possibly be used for graduation. Mr. Winslow spoke about the installation of the sod, noting there are two to three weeks to install it so that it can root as sod takes longer to root in cooler weather. Mr. Winslow stated he believes that the contractor's bid for the irrigation project was extremely low. Installation of the irrigation system can be done in the winter, as well as the installation of the sod, but it is not ideal. He believes that a two- to three-month delay in the irrigation installation is unacceptable and that the contractor may eventually decide that he will not do the job at all. After reviewing the contract with Sawyer's Land Developing, Mr. Cheeseman will call John Spruill regarding this matter. After talking with Mr. Spruill, there may be a special called meeting or the Superintendent may communicate with each board member individually regarding next steps.

Student Discipline Data

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch presented the student discipline data for August and September. Two of the schools had no suspensions. In looking at the data over the last three years, the number of discipline referrals is down.

North Carolina High School Athletic Association Regional Meeting

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch, Perquimans High School Principal Wayne Price, and Athletic Director Justin Roberson attended the NCHSAA regional meeting last week. At the meeting, Perquimans County High School was recognized for having an ejection-free sports year last year.

Superintendent's Report

Local Charter School Initiative

In September, there was a charter school initiative meeting held in Hertford. Torchlight Academy, which is based in Raleigh, is working with some individuals in the community to potentially start a charter school in Perquimans County. During the meeting, there was discussion about opening a K-8 charter school with 120 students that would be housed in a facility of approximately 7,000 square feet. The individuals at the meeting could not answer questions about curriculum and instruction or total number of employees; however, they are looking to begin this initiative in August 2019. The reasons given for this initiative were (1) achievement gap in relation to differences in demographics and (2) nothing has changed in the county in 30 years. Mr. Cheeseman reminded board members that state funding follows students. A charter school would definitely impact our district with loss of students, jobs, and funding.

Beginning Teacher Support

As requested by the Board of Education, Central Office administrators, including Cynthia Perry, James Bunch, and Matthew Cheeseman, are meeting with beginning teachers on a monthly basis. In September, they met with beginning teachers and talked with them about having appropriate resources and making sure they are having meetings with their mentors. Mr. Cheeseman reported that all is well at this time.

Oliver Holley

Mr. Cheeseman congratulated Mr. Oliver Holley, Chief Human Resource Officer for Perquimans County Schools, who was named Superintendent of Tyrrell County Schools effective October 15, 2018. Mr. Holley thanked the Board for the opportunity provided to him two years ago, the mentoring he has received and the relationships he has established in Perquimans County.

Board Chair's Comments

Dr. White thanked Mr. Cheeseman for growing people, especially the administrative staff. She stated Mr. Cheeseman has not only provided the mentoring, but also actively engaged administrators in the leadership process.

Dr. White announced that October 1st is the first day of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She suggested making this information available to students, but especially to faculty and staff.

Announcements

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Central Office
- NCSBA Annual Conference – November 12-14, 2018, Sheraton Four Seasons Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC
- NSBA National Conference – March 30-April 1, 2018, Philadelphia, PA

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Dr. Anne White, Chairperson



Matthew F. Cheeseman