

**Perquimans County Board of Education
Special Meeting – April 19, 2021**

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Perquimans County High School for a joint budget work session with the Perquimans County Commissioners. This meeting was held in accordance with Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 141, Section 7, which states that the prohibition on Mass Gatherings does not apply to educational institutions or government operations. However, social distancing was observed and face coverings were worn unless an exception applied. Audio access was available to the public by dialing a telephone number and entering a meeting ID and passcode.

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

Board of Education members present: Board Chair Dr. Anne White, Vice Chair Amy Spaugh, Russell Lassiter, Matt Peeler (remote, but in person at the end of the meeting), Leary Winslow, and Arlene Yates. Also present were Superintendent Tanya Turner, Assistant Superintendent James Bunch, Chief Finance Officer Rube Blanchard, Director of Maintenance Jamie Johnson, Chief Technology Officer Martha Nixon, Administrative Assistant Mary Kay Peele, Hertford Grammar School Principal John Lassiter, Director of CTE Jill Cohen, and Chief Human Resources Officer Michelle Maddox.

County Commissioners present: Chair Wallace Nelson, Vice Chair Fondella Leigh, Joseph Hoffler, Alan Lennon, and Charles Woodard. Also present were County Manager Frank Heath, Clerk to the Board Mary Hunnicutt, and Finance Officer Tracy Mathews.

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

Commission Chair Wallace Nelson stated he appreciated the opportunity to continue dialogue with the Board of Education and the County Commissioners. He said he was proud of Perquimans County Schools for staying open during the pandemic this year.

Superintendent Tanya Turner stated that she was proud of Perquimans County Schools and the choice of education provided to the students in our community. She shared how the district moved from Remote/Plan B to where the district is now under Plan A. Also included in her remarks was information about the number of COVID cases during the year, athletic competitions, featured articles in EdNC, and visits from state officials and neighboring school districts to see how the re-entry plan was designed and implemented. She said the countless successes are due to a team effort and the hard work of the school system will make our district better moving forward.

Director of Maintenance Jamie Johnson shared Capital Outlay budget highlights of 2020-2021, which included funding sources, a review of Capital Outlay projects, before and after pictures of painting at PCHS, PCHS auditorium, PCHS lab faucets, and painting at PCMS inside and outside. Mr. Johnson presented Capital Outlay Budget needs for 2021-2022, which included a prioritized list with the cost of each project. He also listed Capital Outlay projects that could possibly be completed using ESSER (COVID) Funding, along with pictures illustrating those needs. Mr. Johnson completed his presentation with a list of future Capital Outlay projects and the technology 1:1 initiative, which is a part of the Capital Outlay requests.

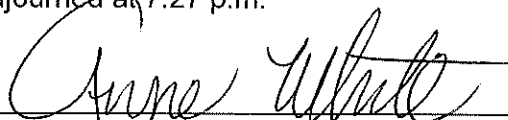
Chief Finance Officer Rube Blanchard presented the total Capital Outlay requests for 2021-2022 which totaled \$475,000. This total included the Priority 1 projects (\$332,613), and the Technology 1:1 initiative (\$142,387).

Mr. Blanchard moved on to the Current Expense requests for 2021-2022. He included a history of the ADM and the 2021-2022 total proposed budget for State, Local Fund #2, Federal, Child Nutrition, and Other, which total \$19,414,842. He provided a history of the local revenue, noting there was level funding for FY 20. He included a report of the historical fund balance from year ending June 30, 2010 (actual) to June 30, 2021 (projected). He explained in detail expenditures which impact our local budget. Those expenditures include charter schools, benefit increases (retirement and health), closure of S-shaped bridge, and state mandated salary increases.

The FY 2021-2022 Local Current Expense budget request totals \$3,103,236, an increase of \$203,236 from the current year. The FY 2021-2022 Capital Outlay budget request totals \$475,000, the same amount as the current year funding.

Ms. Turner, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Blanchard entertained questions and comments during and after the presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Dr. Anne White, Chairperson



Tanya Turner, Superintendent