

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – February 22, 2021

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Perquimans County High School. 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.

Vice Chair Amy Spaugh called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Russell Lassiter led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Matt Peeler said a prayer.

All board members were present: Chair Dr. Anne White (remote), Vice Chair Amy Spaugh (in person), Russell Lassiter (in person), Matt Peeler (in person), Leary Winslow (in person) and Arlene Yates (in person).

Approval of Agenda

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

Special Recognitions

Superintendent Tanya Turner announced the following special recognitions.

Perquimans County High School Volleyball

JV Team: 2020-2021 Albemarle Athletic Conference Champions
Morgan Baccus, Joliegh Connor, Marleigh Cooper, Harlee Hunter, Ellie Jackson, Bristyl Riddick, Ashlynn Ward, Lexie Williams, Mary Woodard

Varsity Team: 2020-2021 Albemarle Athletic Conference Champions; Eastern Regional Runner-Up
Daven Brabble, Macie Cooper, Natalie Corprew, Maci Denson, Carly Elliott, Symiaya Leary, Ariel Lewis, Kaileigh Nixon, Ariana Salupo, Eby Scaff, Ellie Ward, Tori Williamson

Coaches: Kristie Thach and Cayce Copley
Bookkeeper: Tanaysha Watson

In addition, the following were recognized:

All Conference Selections – Natalie Corprew, Carly Elliott, Eby Scaff, Tori Williamson
Conference Player of the Year – Tori Williamson
Conference Coach of the Year – Kristie Thach
NCVBCA All-Region Selections – Natalie Corprew and Tori Williamson
NCVBCA All-State Selections – Natalie Corprew and Tori Williamson
2020 Homer Thompson "8 Who Make a Difference" Award – Kristie Thach

Perquimans County High School Cross Country

Eli Gregory – All Conference
Jayden White – Cross Country Runner of the Year
Coach: Jeff Winslow – Cross Country Coach of the Year

2019-2020 Retirees

Perquimans Central School: Emma Bailey, Johnetta Downing

Perquimans County High School: Joyce Hunter, Robert Lowney, Annette Whidbee

Central Office: Shirley Pelletier

2020-2021 Teachers of the Year

Perquimans County High School – Susan Perry

Perquimans County Middle School – Kira Johnston

Perquimans Central School – Doriece Pittman

Hertford Grammar School – Kristine Garvey

Kristine Garvey – 2020-2021 Perquimans County Schools Teacher of the Year

2020-2021 Principal of the Year

John Lassiter – Hertford Grammar School

NCASCD 2021 Teaching Excellence Award

Kim Tyson – Perquimans County High School

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the student transfer request as presented by Superintendent Tanya Turner.

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel recommendations in the Personnel Summary Report for February 22, 2021 as presented by Superintendent Tanya Turner.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

Instructions were provided in the agenda for participation during the public comment period. No virtual or written requests were received for public comment.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Revision to 2020-2021 School Calendar

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to revise the 2020-2021 school calendar by moving the Remote Learning Day from February 15th to January 29th as presented.

Revision to Class Schedule for Perquimans County High School

Perquimans County High School Principal Mickey Drew, along with teachers Sylvia Carver, Kelly Tyson, Kristy Corprew, Lynette Baker, and Douglas Poole, expressed the faculty and students' support to change the schedule so that teachers could see their students every day. Face time will not change, but it will allow teachers to teach their students each day. Currently, students have all four classes on Monday (full day), first and second periods on Tuesday (9:30 – 1:30), third and fourth periods on Wednesday (9:30 – 1:30), and all four class on Thursday (9:30 – 1:30). Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to revise the class schedule to include four classes each day on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for Perquimans County High School students as presented.

Finance

Perquimans County Schools Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Perquimans County Schools Fee Schedule for FY 2020-2021 as presented by Chief Finance Officer Rube Blanchard. This schedule will be posted on the district website and approved by the Board each school year.

Decrease in Mileage Reimbursement

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve a decrease in mileage reimbursement from 57.5 cents per mile to 56 cents per mile beginning March 1, 2021 in response to change in IRS mileage rates as presented by Mr. Blanchard.

Fiscal Audit Contract with Donna H. Winborne, CPA

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with Donna H. Winborne, CPA, PC, for the annual fiscal audit contract for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, at a cost of \$26,000 as presented by Mr. Blanchard. This is the second year of a three-year contract.

Budget Amendments

Mr. Blanchard presented budget amendments for the Board's consideration. He explained each amendment in detail and answered questions asked by board members. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve State (Fund 1) – Budget Amendment #6, Local (Fund 2) – Budget Amendment #6, Federal (Fund 3) – Budget Amendment #5 and Local (Fund 8) – Budget Amendment #6 as presented by Mr. Blanchard.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Blanchard presented the monthly financial report for February 2021. The first report showed year-to-date spent, outstanding POs, escrow, budget (pending approval) and year-to-date percentage spent for Fund #1, #2, #3, #4, #8, and #5. The benchmark was 67% and the actual year-to-date spent of the total budget as of February 12, 2021 was 55%. The second report provided a more detailed budget summary sorted by 2-digit Purpose Code for Funds #1, #3, #5, #2, #4, and #8. The last report provided an update on Capital Outlay as of February 12, 2021. The report showed revenue and expenses with current budget, year-to-date spent/encumbered, and budget remaining.

Student Discipline Data

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch presented the student discipline data for the month of January 2021. He noted there has been one reportable offense this year to date which was at Perquimans County High School. For the month of January, PCS maintained zero suspensions, HGS had two suspensions, PCMS had five suspensions, and PCHS had zero suspensions.

Consolidated Data Report 2019-2020

Mr. Bunch noted that the State Board of Education is required to report annually on dropout rates, suspensions, expulsions, reassignment for disciplinary purposes, use of corporal punishment, alternative learning programs enrollments, and school crime and violence data. In 2019-2020, Perquimans County Schools was one of only 10 schools with zero reportable crimes and had only three reportable offenses (Possession of Weapon). The short-term suspension rate was 18.404 per 100 students and the district ranked 19th highest among public schools. The district had five student dropouts, 1.08%, which is lower than the state rate of 1.50%. There was a total of five dropouts (2 females, 3 males, 1 Black, 4 White). There was a total of 173 suspensions (18 Black

females, 12 White females, 68 Black males, 61 White males, 11 Bi-Racial males, and 3 Hispanic males).

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tanya Turner provided the following report and fielded questions and comments from board members regarding the information presented.

- Perquimans County Schools current enrollment:
PreK – 34; PCS – 378; HGS – 342; PCMS – 420; PCHS – 444
- PreK and Kindergarten registration is happening now.
- Face-to-Face Enrollment:
PCS: 84%, HGS: 83%, PCMS: 70%, PCHS: 63.3%
- Average Daily Attendance comparing 20-21, 19-20, and 18-19
- Positive Cases January 5th to Present: Employees - 13; Students - 10
- COVID Vaccinations – total vaccinated to date 96
- Athletic Update for PCHS and PCMS – seasons and revenue
- Employment Diversity and Recruitment Strategies – Strategic Priority 4: Recruit, retain and support effective and diverse teachers and school leaders

	Black Male	Black Female	White Male	White Female	Hispanic Female	Asian Female
Licensed		2	1	6		
Classified	4	5	2	11	2	1
Total	4	7	3	17	2	1

- Student Diversity (2018-2019 data)

	Black	White	Hispanic	2 or More
Perquimans	25%	67%	4%	5%
NC	25.1%	47.7%	17.9%	

- Staff Diversity

	Total Personnel		Teachers/Professionals	
	Black	White	Black	White
Perquimans	28%	71%	21%	78%
NC	26%	75%	18%	82%

- CTE Articulated Credits: Fall 2020 76 Courses = 228 credits

High School Course	Community College Course	Number of Students	Total Courses Earned
Entrepreneurship I	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	11	11
Health Science I	Medical Terminology 1 and Medical Terminology 2	17	34
Horticulture I	Introduction to Horticulture	18	18
Multimedia Webpage Design	Internet/Web Fundamentals OR Introduction to Internet Multimedia	13	13

Ms. Turner was asked about SB37 that is on the Governor's desk now to move grades 6-12 to Plan A. She entertained questions about what the district would need to do to move to Plan A and how quickly that could be done. The Board also asked about the possibility of having a special meeting to consider this transition instead of waiting until the next regular board meeting.

Board Chair's Comments

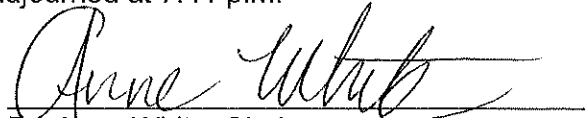
Dr. White thanked everyone and the students for all they are doing. She thanked Mrs. Spagh and the board members for an excellent meeting.

Board Member Arlene Yates spoke about information she received from the state about safely returning to school with students and staff receiving the vaccine. Currently, the vaccine is not mandated because it is not FDA approved except for emergency use. Approximately 50% of our staff have received the vaccine at this time.

Announcements

- Required Work Day / Remote Learning Day – March 12, 2021
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


Dr. Anne White, Chairperson


Tanya Turner, Superintendent