

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – April 25, 2022

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Audio access was also available to the public by dialing a telephone number and entering a meeting ID and passcode.

Chairwoman Dr. Anne White called the meeting to order. Russell Lassiter led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and had prayer.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Special Recognitions

None

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2022 regular meeting and the April 18, 2022 joint budget work session as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the student transfer requests for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 as presented by Dr. Turner.

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel recommendations in the Personnel Summary Report as presented by Dr. Turner.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Strategic Plan Update – Strategic Priority #4

Chief Academic Officer Melissa Fields provided an update on Strategic Priority 4: Recruit, retain and support effective and diverse teachers and school leaders. Data was provided for Action Steps 4.1 to 4.7 of Priority 4. During the presentation, board members engaged in questions and discussion.

Face Covering Policy

Superintendent Turner stated that as of Friday, April 8, all 115 local school districts have approved mask optional policies. Perquimans County Schools have had zero COVID cases since February 21st when masks

became optional. A map of North Carolina from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed almost all green which indicates low COVID-19 Community Level as of April 14, 2022.

Senate Bill 654 that was signed into law on Monday, August 30, 2021, requires school boards to vote each month on their pandemic-related mask or face covering policy. Dr. Turner presented her recommendation to continue to make the wearing of masks optional for all students, staff, and visitors/spectators of Perquimans County Schools while inside school facilities and on school buses. Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to keep the wearing of masks optional for all students, staff, and visitors/spectators of Perquimans County Schools while inside school facilities and on school buses. The Board of Education will continue to vote monthly on the mask requirement as required by law.

Policy Updates: Spring 2022

The Spring 2022 policy updates and other policy revision as provided by the attorneys from the NCSBA were presented to the Board for a first reading. Action will be taken at the May meeting.

Set 1

2121	Board Member Conflict of Interest
2210	Duties of Officers
2400	Board Policies
2410	Policy Development
2420	Adoption of Policies (rescinds this policy)
2430	Dissemination and Preservation of Policies
2440	Policy Review and Evaluation (rescinds this policy)
2450	Suspension of Board Policies (rescinds this policy)
2600	Consultants to the Board
3102	Online Instruction
3430	School Improvement Plan
4110	Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission
4240/7312	Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety
4260	Student Sex Offenders
4302-R	Rules for Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools
4334/5035/7345	Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)
4400	Attendance
5240	Advertising in the Schools
6220	Operation of School Nutrition Services
6305	Safety and Student Transportation Services
6560	Disposal of Surplus Property
7510	Leave
7520	Family and Medical Leave
7540	Voluntary Shared Leave
7620	Payroll Deductions
7810	Evaluation of Licensed Employees
7815	Evaluation of Non-Licensed Employees
8320	Depositories
9400	Sale, Disposal, and Lease of Board-Owned Real Property

Set 2 - The policies listed below have only minor changes to wording, legal references, and/or cross references.

1200	Governing Principle – Student Success
1300	Governing Principle – Parental Involvement
1400	Governing Principle – School Initiatives
1500	Governing Principle – Safe, Orderly, and Inviting Environment
1600	Governing Principle – Professional Development

1700	Governing Principle – Removal of Barriers
1800	Governing Principle – Stewardship of Resources
3460	Graduation Requirements
4120	Domicile or Residence Requirements
4700	Student Records
5070/7350	Public Records – Retention, Release, and Disposition
5071/7351	Electronically Stored Information Retention
7430	Substitute Teachers

Other policy for consideration:

3100	Curriculum Development
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Budget Amendments

Chief Finance Officer Rube Blanchard presented budget amendments for the Board's consideration, explaining in detail the reason for each amendment. Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve State (Fund 1) Budget Amendment #5, Local (Fund 2) Budget Amendment #4, Federal (Fund 3) Budget Amendment #6, Capital Outlay (Fund 4) Budget Amendment #3, and Local (Fund 8) Budget Amendment #6 as presented.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Blanchard presented the financial report that was run on April 13, 2022. Due to the time the report was run, it did not include the April 25th payroll or expenditures paid after that date. The benchmark for funds spent was 83%, with the actual percent of funds spent being 62%. He also illustrated the budget summary in more detail sorted by 2-digit Purpose Code. In Capital Outlay, there is now \$279,540.43 unallocated for repairs.

Proposed Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Mr. Blanchard presented the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022-2023. The local funding request totaled \$3,523,868 and the Capital Outlay funding request totaled \$537,387. He illustrated the Local General Fund by purpose code and detailed the additional amount requested for local funding. He noted that additional funding might be needed if Low Wealth state funding and SRO grant funding is reduced or eliminated for FY 2022-2023. Mr. Blanchard listed the Category I, Category II, and Technology Priority Level I expenses. He also listed by purpose code the expenses for State Funds, Federal Funds, Child Nutrition Funds, and Other Special Funds expenses. Mr. Blanchard noted one change on page 3. He said the total would remain the same; however, he needed to change the numbers between the lines for health insurance, retirement, and salary. Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Amy Spaugh, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022-2023 as presented and modified during the presentation.

School Health Advisory Committee Action Plan 2021-2024

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch presented the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Action Plan for 2021-2024. The plan consisted of three focus items: (1) Trauma-Informed Schools; (2) Employee Wellness; and (3) Provide for the safety and security of students, faculty, staff, and visitors on campus. For each focus item, Mr. Bunch explained the goal and steps/strategies to fulfill each goal. Upon motion by Amy Spaugh and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the School Health Advisory Committee Action Plan for 2021-2024 as presented.

Reports / Updates

Student Discipline Data

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch presented the student discipline data for March 2022. He noted there are currently two reportable offenses for 2021-2022. Last year, the total number of reportable offenses was five. There were no suspensions to report for Perquimans Central School, five for Hertford Grammar School, twenty-four for Perquimans Middle School, and eight for Perquimans High School. In looking at the previous five years of suspension data, March seemed to be one of the higher months for suspensions for grades 6-12.

Driver Education RFP Update

Mr. Bunch noted that there is an active RFP for driver education services. Bids will be received until Friday at 3:00 p.m. A recommendation will be presented to the Board at the May meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Turner reported that Mr. Johnson and his team, along with the new electrician, Mr. Britton, worked very hard over Spring Break and got a lot of work done at all four schools. She encouraged board members to go to Hertford Grammar School to see the newly paved parking lot and service entrance to the cafeteria and the expanded driveway around the back of Perquimans Central School. A lot of carpet was removed from the schools. There was an unexpected, major leak discovered under the auditorium at Perquimans High School which has been repaired. The new football coach has hit the ground running. The JV football team will be back next year which is good news for building the football program in our county. There will be an 8th grade parent/student interest night for football with a tour of the facility at the Nixon Athletic Complex.

Board Chair's Comments

The NCSBA Spring Regional Meeting for the eastern region will be held on Thursday, April 28th from 1:30 to 5:15 p.m. at the East Carolina Heart Institute in Greenville.

In regard to the discussion on the track at the joint meeting with the Commissioners, Dr. White stated she has made an "educator's pledge" of \$1,000 and suggested that those with a similar salary match her donation or to donate what they can. She has talked with Mrs. Hoffler about joining her and the community for donations and to follow-up with churches, etc. She also called Mayor Yates hoping to get Mrs. Wiggins' family involved in this effort.

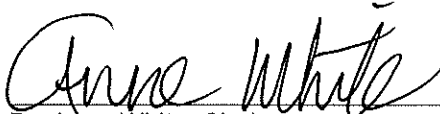
The PCHS Prom will be held Saturday on the football field at Perquimans County High School. A mock car crash is scheduled for tomorrow morning to heighten students' awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. Dr. Turner noted she would be in Durham for the next two days at the NCHSSA Spring Board of Directors' Meeting.

Announcements

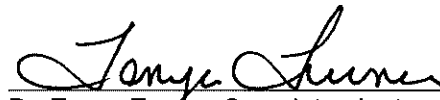
- Budget Presentation to County Commissioners – Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. @ EMS Auditorium, 159 Creek Drive, Hertford
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. @ Central Office

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.



Dr. Anne White, Chairwoman



Dr. Tanya Turjer, Superintendent