

**Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – May 23, 2022**

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 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. Leary Winslow 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), Leary Winslow (in person), and Arlene Yates (in person). Amy Spaugh was absent.

Approval of Agenda

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

Special Recognitions

WAVY TV Excellent Educators

- Stacey Pierce – 1st Grade Teacher, Perquimans Central School
- Robin Copeland – Art Teacher, Hertford Grammar School
- Courtney Bailey – CTE Computer Science Teacher, Perquimans County Middle School
- Anisha Spellman – Exceptional Education Teacher, Perquimans County High School

2022 1A Men's Golf State Championship Individual Qualifiers/Participants

- Kameron Hall – Senior
- Tanner Sprague – Freshman
- Coach – Jerry Hall

Perquimans County Middle School Hunter Safety Team

3rd Place Hunter Safety Skills – State Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament

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| Drake Cauley | Addison Chappell | Kolton Christian | Cole Clayton | Marshall Davenport | Carson Davis |
| Landon Melton | Noah Miller | Landon Russell | Tate Russell | Brody Stallings | Connor Tripp |
| Ayden Trotman | Andrew Whitehurst | Caden Winslow | Collin Winslow | | |
| <u>Coaches</u> | | | | | |
| Talmadge Meads | Kevin Roberts | Eddie Squires | James Ward | Darlene Meads | Amy Ward |

NCWorks Certified Career Business Support Services – Northeastern Region

Jill Cohen, Director of CTE / CIMC, explained that the Business Support Services pathway was successfully certified by the NC Works Commission. This pathway meets the state's rigorous requirements for certification and demonstrates the importance of employer-led, integrated strategies to connecting talented job seekers to employees.

Introduction

Superintendent Dr. Tanya Turner introduced Dr. Shawn Wilson, the new Chief of Human Resources, and welcomed her to Perquimans County Schools.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the April 25, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the student transfer requests for 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

Upon motion by Matt Peeler and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the revised board policies listed below as presented.

Policy Updates: Spring 2022

Set 1

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| 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.

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| 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:

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| 3100 | Curriculum Development |
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New Business

2022-2023 IDEA Part B 611 Grant and 619 Grant

Chief Academic Officer of Student Services Dr. Kanika Griffin presented the 2022-2023 IDEA Part B 611 Grant projected allotment, \$390,812.00, which will be used to assist local education agencies in providing special education and related services to children with disabilities ages 3 through 21, and 619 Preschool Grant projected allotment, \$20,033.00, which will be used to assist local education agencies in providing special education programs for children with disabilities ages 3 through 5. Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2022-2023 IDEA Part B 611 Grant and 619 Grant as presented.

Face Covering Policy

Superintendent Turner provided the COVID counts for the 2020-2021 school year vs. the 2021-2022 school year. She showed a map of North Carolina that indicated ten counties are now at the medium transmission level. ARHS said data is still below baseline for Perquimans and trending low. Active cases were up last Wednesday and more cases are being seen across the region. ARHS urges individuals to take precautions such as staying at home when sick, practicing good hygiene, getting vaccinated, and masking if high risk.

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 Matt Peeler and second by Arlene Yates, 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.

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 Arlene Yates and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve State (Fund 1) Budget Amendment #6, Local (Fund 2) Budget Amendment #5, Federal (Fund 3) Budget Amendment #7, Capital Outlay (Fund 4) Budget

Amendment #4, Child Nutrition (Fund 5) Budget Amendment #2, and Local (Fund 8) Budget Amendment #7 as presented.

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Blanchard presented the financial report that was run on May 18, 2022. Due to the time the report was run, it did not include the May 25th payroll or expenditures paid after that date. The benchmark for funds spent was 92%, with the actual percent of funds spent being 70%. He also illustrated the budget summary in more detail sorted by 2-digit Purpose Code. In Capital Outlay, there is now \$276,480.84 unallocated for repairs.

Renewal of Errors & Omissions/General Liability Insurance

Dr. Anne White recused herself prior to any discussion or action being taken on this agenda item.

Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of Errors & Omissions/General Liability Insurance with the North Carolina School Boards Trust for the fiscal year 2022-2023 as presented by Mr. Blanchard. The premium for the upcoming year is \$3,493, an increase of 10% over last year's premium of \$3,176.

2022-2023 Local Application for Career and Technical Education

Career Technical Education Director Jill Cohen provided the entire local application for Career and Technical Education for 2022-2024. She presented an overview of the Perquimans County Career Technical Education Local Plan which highlighted areas of strengths, budget total, career pathways, CCP CTE courses, honor-level course offerings, credentials, presenters for state conferences, Career Technical Student Organizations, course offerings, and program goals based on needs assessment. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2022-2023 local application for Career and Technical Education as presented by Mrs. Cohen.

2022-2023 AIG Plan

Chief Academic Officer of Curriculum and Instruction Melissa Fields provided the entire local Academically or Intellectually Gifted Plan for 2022-2025. Mrs. Fields highlighted the AIG program standards and practices for student identification, comprehensive programming within a total school community, differentiated curriculum and instruction, personnel and professional development, partnerships, and program accountability. This was a first reading only. Action will be taken at the June meeting.

Driver Education Bids

Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Bunch provided bid tabulation information for Driver Education Services. Only one bid was received from the North Carolina Driving School, the contractor that is currently being used by the district. The cost would be \$40.00 per pupil for classroom instruction and \$200.00 per pupil for behind-the-wheel training for a total of \$240.00 per pupil. Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Peeler, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a contract with North Carolina Driving School for driver education services as presented.

Reports / Updates

Student Discipline Data

Assistant Superintendent James Bunch presented the student discipline data for April 2022. He noted there are currently two reportable offenses for 2021-2022. There were no suspensions to report for Perquimans

Central School, ten for Hertford Grammar School, eight for Perquimans Middle School, and six for Perquimans High School.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Turner shared the following information for board members:

- Dates for end-of-year events and testing
- Statewide summary of months for recovery from learning loss
- Dates for summer learning opportunities
- Board orientation – July 7, 2022

Board Chair's Comments

Dr. White provided the following information for board members:

- November 14-16, 2022 NCSBA Conference in Greensboro; attended planning committee meeting this week
- Attended focus group on proposed teacher licensure

Announcements

- PCHS Graduation – Friday, June 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. @ Football Field
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – **Wednesday, June 29, 2022** at 6:00 p.m. @ Central Office

Closed Session

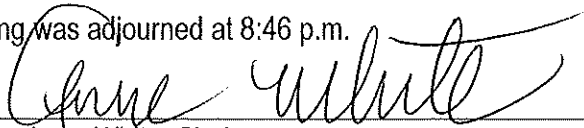
Following her comments, Board Chair Dr. Anne White did not take a motion to adjourn, but made a statement to end open session. Matt Peeler voiced his objection to the terminology used. Upon motion by Russell Lassiter and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted 3 to 1, with Mr. Peeler opposing, to enter closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes to consider closed session minutes and G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Mr. Peeler objected to the validity of the motion. The Board entered closed session to hear Dr. Turner's presentation for her evaluation which will be conducted at the June meeting, but did not take action on the closed session minutes.

Return to Open Session


Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Russell Lassiter, the Board voted 3 to 1, with Mr. Peeler opposing, to return to open session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



Dr. Anne White, Chairwoman



Dr. Tanya Turner, Superintendent