

**Perquimans County Board of Education
Specially-Called Meeting: Work Session – January 6, 2023**

The Perquimans County Board of Education had a specially-called meeting for a work session on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. The purpose of the meeting was to define a guiding principle(s) and desired outcomes for the new school.

Chairman Russell Lassiter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and had prayer.

Board members present: Chairman Russell Lassiter (in person), Vice Chair Arlene Yates (in person), Kristy Corprew (in person), Dr. Anne White (remote by phone), Leary Winslow (in person), and Matt Winslow (in person).

Approval of Agenda

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

New Business

Dr. Turner thanked everyone for being at the meeting. She referred to an email she sent board members which contained an outline for the meeting and what would be accomplished by the end of the session. She said that Mr. John Birath would facilitate the session which would largely be group discussions. She said Mr. Birath would share the process for determining the guiding principles for building the new intermediate school.

Mr. Birath said he was very excited about this project. He has plans to move here as soon as the builder finishes his home. He said funding for the project will come from the North Carolina Lottery through the Needs-Based Grant Program in the amount of \$40 million. With that, the district will bring two schools together in one building.

Mr. Birath said everyone will be involved in various points throughout the project—budget, program, use of space, developing curriculum, furniture selections, etc. This will be a four-year track. There are things to establish to use as a metric, which he referred to as the guiding principles and desired outcomes. The why is the guiding principal. Why is the district building this school and bringing these schools together? The desired outcomes support the guiding principle, such as reducing operating expenditures through consolidating spaces, etc. The Board will also determine if the project aligns with the mission, vision, core values, and strategic goals of Perquimans County Schools.

In groups of two, board members were allotted 20 minutes at each of the three stations to discuss with each team their perspectives, ideas, and plans of their areas of responsibility. Following the rotations, the Board reviewed the comments shared at each station and used them as the basis for developing its guiding principle and desired outcomes.

Operations

James Bunch, Assistant Superintendent
Martha Nixon, Chief Technology Officer
Jamie Johnson, Director of Maintenance
Kim Cullipher, Director of School Nutrition
Terry Sawyer, Director of Transportation
Sergeant David Murray, SRO

Curriculum and Student Services

Dr. Tanya Turner, Superintendent
Melissa Fields, Chief Academic Officer of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Kanika Griffin, Chief Academic Officer of Student Services
Jill Cohen, Director of CTE
John Lassiter, Principal
Laura Moreland, Principal

Human Resources and Finance

Mary Kay Peele, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Dr. Shawn Wilson, Chief Human Resources Officer
Rube Blanchard, Chief Finance Officer

Mr. Birath thanked everyone for taking part in the discussions. He said if someone asked why the new school was being built, there would be one general statement, the overarching why. He said some refer to this as “a 20-second elevator response.” This would be the school district’s message to staff, teachers, students, and the community. He highlighted the responses recorded at each station. The whole group discussion led to the following guiding principle and desired outcomes.

Guiding Principle


To provide the highest quality learning experience for every student to succeed.

Desired Outcomes

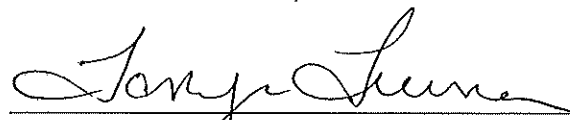
Collaboration
Efficiencies
Expanded opportunities
Tailored learning plans
Safety, health and welfare
Curriculum alignment
Innovation, moving forward
Fiscal responsibility

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.



Mr. Russell Lassiter, Chairman



Dr. Tanya Turner, Superintendent