

**Perquimans County Board of Education  
Regular Session – May 22, 2023**

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 22, 2023. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Perquimans County High School for special recognitions.

Chairman Russell Lassiter called the meeting to order, 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 (in person), Leary Winslow (in person), and Matt Winslow (in person).

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Special Recognitions**

**PCMS and PCHS Math Competition**

The following students participated in the Northeast Regional State Math Competition on March 23, 2023 at Elizabeth City State University:

Mahalia Hodges	Nathaniel Williamson	Eleanor Howell	Chloe Ward
Caden Winslow	Wriston Adcock	Scarlet Hooper	Kelvin Linton
Brianna Ross	Cailyn Stallings	Addison Chappell	Mattison Winslow
Carter Winslow	Catherine Howell	Mariah Clark	Keralyn Stanley
Krista Linton	Elizabeth Gregory	Kendra Graham	Karsyn Clayton
Olivia Ferris	Kayelee Coppersmith	Ky'ara Wilson	Jayla Jackson

In the Math 1 competition, Carter Winslow (PCHS) placed 5<sup>th</sup>, Nathaniel Williamson (PCMS) placed 6<sup>th</sup>, Mahlia Hodges (PCMS) placed 7<sup>th</sup>, and Brianna Ross (PCMS) placed 8<sup>th</sup>. In the Math 2 competition, Mariah Clark (PCHS) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Catherine Howell (PCHS) placed 9<sup>th</sup>. In the Math 3 competition, Karsyn Clayton (PCHS) placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the Middle School Math 1 competition, Perquimans County Middle School placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the Math 2 competition, Perquimans County High School placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the Math 3 competition, Perquimans County High School placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Based on how they placed at ECSU in March, the following students qualified to participate at the Eastern Regional State Math competition on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Fayetteville State University. Each of them placed in the top ten in their competition. Math 1 – Carter Winslow (PCHS), Mahalia Hodges (PCMS), Brianna Ross (PCMS), and Nathaniel Williamson (PCMS). Math 2 – Mariah Clark and Catherine Howell. Math 3 – Karsyn Clayton.

**North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics**

Kaylee Coppersmith was recognized for being accepted to the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. She will be attending the new Morganton campus.

**Perquimans County Hunter Safety Team**

The following students were recognized for their participation on the Perquimans County Hunter Safety Team:

Trinity Peters	Noah Miller	Mitchel Meads	Ayden Trotman
Landon Russell	Tate Russell	Bryce Moreland	Landon Campbell
Marshall Davenport	Cole Clayton	Caden Winslow	Ashton Bateman

Jacob Layden	Owen Layden	Brody Stallings	Jay Roberts
Gage Harris	Andrew Whitehurst	Drake Cauley	Addison Chappell
Carson Davis	Landon Melton	Kaelyn Melton	Hailey Melton
Brayden Nixon	Luke Williams	Trevor Rountree	Kolton Christian
Garrett Christian	Brilee Forbes	Kayleigh Forbes	Andrew Mountjoy
Christian Jacobs	Sean Saunders	Connor Tripp	

The Hunter Safety Team coaches were also recognized: Amy Ward, James Ward, Eddie Squires, Brian Riddick, Kevin Roberts, Talmadge Meads, and Darlene Meads.

On March 25, 2023, at the District Hunter Safety Tournament in Columbia, the team earned the following recognitions:

Middle School Archery	High School Archery	Middle School Rifle
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Perquimans Middle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Perquimans High	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Perquimans Middle
High School Rifle	Middle School Shotgun	Middle School Hunter Skills
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Perquimans High	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Perquimans Middle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Perquimans Middle
High School Hunter Skills	Middle School Overall Team	High School Overall Team
1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Perquimans High	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Perquimans Middle	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Perquimans High

Dr. Turner presented a framed certificate to the Winslow Family in memory of Collin Winslow for being the High School Rifle Individual Overall Winner and one of the top three individual winners at the district tournament.

#### PCMS Bands, PCHS Marching Pirates, PCHS Concert Band, PCHS Winter Guard

##### PCMS Bands

This year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band received a rating of Superior at the NC Bandmaster's Association Music Performance Assessment. A rating of Superior is the highest honor that can be given to a concert band. This is the first superior rating that PCMS has received in 18 years and the third in school history. Twelve students were selected to participate in the Albemarle Band Clinic. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade combined band performed at the Music in the Parks Festival at Busch Gardens and received a Superior rating and 1<sup>st</sup> place division 1A Middle School Concert Band.

##### *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band:*

Mayra Blanco-Ramirez	Colton Brickhouse	Landon Damron	Anna Davis
Kaylee Dieffenbach	Skylar Dolchok	Jonathan Gibbs	Anne Konrad
Jason LaLonde	Gwendolyn Maupin	Emily May	Connor McLeod
Marisa McNutt	Cassie McNutt	Bryce Moreland	Brianna Mulch
Ariana Mummert	Emely Ramos-Cupil	Aiden Reed	Camille Rogers
Willow Saunders	Jameson Smith	Justice Stacy	McKenzie Talmadge
Logan Tinney			

##### *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band:*

Annjolene Boone	Derrick Castillo	Kierstyn Castle	Cameron Christy
Alex Crowley	Langdon Dail	Carson Davis	Ariana Farrar
Amos Fletcher	Za'erha Gordon	Phoebe Hash	Cameron Helterbridle
Mahalia Hodges	Zane Larson	Kelvin Linton	Ja'Shasti Nelson
Gorgeous Overton	Hailey Richardson	Brianna Ross	Giada Salupo
Zariah Taylor	Dallas Williams		

### PCHS Marching Pirates

The marching band had an incredible season and received many 1<sup>st</sup> place caption awards at competitions throughout the season. They received the Milton H. Sawyer, Jr. Award for highest scoring overall band of the day at the Panther Band Classic held at Pasquotank High School. They also had the highest scoring performance received from any NCHSAA Division 1A school in the state for the second consecutive year. The marching band was also voted as the Hertford Christmas Parade Grand Marshal.

#### *The Grizzly Classic at Grassfield High School*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Visual; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Music; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place General Effect; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Percussion; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Color Guard; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall Class 2A

#### *Panther Band Classic at Pasquotank High School*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Drum Major; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Percussion; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Color Guard; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Music; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Visual; 1<sup>st</sup> Place General Effect; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Class 3A; Milton H. Sawyer, Jr. Award (for highest scoring band of the day); People's Choice Award (voted by audience)

#### *Crystal Coast Band Classic*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Drum Major; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Visual Ensemble; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Percussion; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Music Performance; 1<sup>st</sup> Place General Effect; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Visual Performance; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Class 2A

#### *Perquimans County High School Marching Band:*

Leslie German	Maura Colson	Shelby Lowe	Victoria Feather
Aaliyah Blanchard	Ryder Hansen	Hailey Gilbert	Jodie Castelow
Asia Fletcher	Jazmin Nava-Delaluz	Vivien Lane	Mahalia Hodges
Giada Salupo	Sarah Richardson	Ashley Boseman	Melissa Staley
Wyatt Jefferson	Brianna Ross	Karalyn Stanley	Zoey Hash
Anthony Winslow	Dakota Mayo	Jedidiah Ray	Makalia Roller
Carson Davis	Alex Crowley	Yair Perez	Krista Linton
Benjamin Lowther	Jamaar Perry	Ma'kyla Sharp	Zoe Clifton
Jeremy Insley	Reagan Elkins	Katelyn Stringfield	Andrew Whitehurst
Derek Barclift	Robert Jones	Phoebe Hash	Kaylee Anderson
Kaylie Hudson	Charlotte Peters	Tabitha Vanscoy	Dwuanee' Williams
Kierstyn Castle	Aubrey Dykes	Angel Thomas	Trinity Gordon
Margaret Jones			

### PCHS Concert Band

The high school concert band received a Superior rating at NC Bandmasters Association Music Performance Assessment. This is the second Superior rating in the school's history. Fifteen students were selected to participate in the Albemarle Band Clinic. Senior Ryder Hansen auditioned and was accepted into the NCBA Eastern All-District 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Band. He performed under the baton of US Air Force LT Brandon Hults with the most talented band members in the region.

#### *Perquimans County High School Concert Band:*

Leslie German	Maura Colson	Shelby Lowe	Victoria Feather
Aaliyah Blanchard	Ryder Hansen	Hailey Gilbert	Mia Lahr
Jazmin Nava-Delaluz	Vivien Lane	Ashley Boseman	Astrid Smith
Wyatt Jefferson	Zoey Hash	Anthony Winslow	Jedidiah Ray
Yair Perez	Jonathan Goudy	Benjamin Lowther	Jamaar Perry

Alexis McLeod  
Andrew Whitehurst  
Kayleigh Holbrook

Jeremy Insley  
Ryleigh Watson

Reagan Elkins  
Kaylie Hudson

Katelyn Stringfield  
Charlotte Peters

### PCHS Winter Guard

The PCHS Winter Guard team had their second ever competitive season. They ended the season as Gold Medalists in the Regional A2 division at the AIA North Championships held at the Hampton Coliseum.

### *Awards in Division Regional A2*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rolesville High School; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Grassfield High School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place West Johnston High School; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Panther Creek High School; Gold Medalists in RA2 at AIA North Championships

### *2023 Winter Guard:*

Kaylie Hudson  
Kaylee Anderson  
Mikayla Chestnut  
Shelby Lowe

Zoey Hash  
Tiffany Baxley  
Jodie Castelov  
Charlotte Peters

Leslie German  
Jedidiah Ray  
Kierstyn Castle

Maura Colson  
Yair Perez  
Vivien Lane

Also recognized were PCMS Band Director Mrs. Katie Copeland and PCHS Band Director Mr. Evan Copeland.

### WAVY-TV Excellent Educators

Excellent Educators is a WAVY-TV 10 initiative to celebrate local teachers who have gone above and beyond for their students and communities during the academic year.

Mr. Jonathan White – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Perquimans Central School (Accepting for Mr. White was a family member, Kimberly Whitehurst, principal of Central Elementary School in Pasquotank County.)

Lindsey Benton – 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Hertford Grammar School

Linae Jacox – STEM teacher at Perquimans County Middle School

Lynette Baker – Science teacher at Perquimans County High School

### AIG Certification

Sharon Phelps – 7<sup>th</sup> grade LA teacher at Perquimans County Middle School

Rachel Bengé – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Hertford Grammar School

Holly Daniels – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Hertford Grammar School

Robin Copeland – Art teacher at Hertford Grammar School

Ms. Phelps completed the AIG program with Barton College. Ms. Bengé, Ms. Daniels, and Ms. Copeland passed the Praxis after participating in the AIG PLC.

### Rotary Teachers of the Year

Tammy Murray – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Perquimans Central School

Hannah Blackley – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Hertford Grammar School

Katie Copeland – Band teacher at Perquimans County Middle School

Tonya Riddick – Math teacher at Perquimans County High School

### Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Dr. John Lassiter, principal of Hertford Grammar School, was recognized as the Northeast Region Principal of the Year. Superintendent Turner presented Dr. Lassiter with the plaque and photo poster that was

presented to him at the Wells Fargo Principal of the Year ceremony that was held recently in Cary. Dr. Turner also presented Dr. Lassiter with a nameplate in recognition of earning his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree from East Carolina University.

### **Brief Recess**

Following the special recognitions, the Board took a brief recess in order to move the meeting from the gymnasium to the boardroom at the Central Office. (approximately 6:50-7:05 p.m.)

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Matt Winslow and second by Kristy Corprew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the April 24, 2023 regular session as presented.

### **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the items on the consent agenda, which included revisions to Policy 4400 Attendance.

### **Public Hearing / Requests from the Public**

None

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Presentation: CTE Local Plan**

Career Technical Education Director Melissa Swain presented the Career Technical Education two-year plan. She provided an overview of CTE funding which included Budget Code 013 State Program Months of Employment, Budget Code 014 State Program Support Funds, and Budget Code 017 Federal Program Improvement. She also provided an overview of CTE program adjustments for 2023-2024 and budget needs for improvement to programs. Upon motion by Matt Winslow and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2023-2024 CTE Local Plan as presented.

#### **IDEA Part B – 611 Grant and 619 Grant**

Chief Academic Officer of Student Services Dr. Kanika Griffin presented the 611 Grant projected allotment, \$402,000.00, and expenditures. The 611 Grant funds are used to assist local education agencies in providing special education and related services to children with disabilities ages 3 through 21. She also presented the 619 Preschool Grant projected allotment, \$20,033.00, and expenditures. The 619 Grant funds are used to assist local education agencies in providing special education programs for children with disabilities ages 3 through 5. Upon motion by Anne White and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2023-2024 IDEA Part B – 611 Grant and 619 Grant as presented.

#### **PRC 29 Grant**

Dr. Griffin presented the 2023-2024 PRC 29 Grant (Behavioral Support). The funds from this grant are used to assist the public school unit with providing behavioral support services to all students as needed in Perquimans County Schools (K-12 Special Education and General Education). Dr. Griffin noted the amount requested, \$168,500.00, and expenditures. The district will not know if it has been awarded the grant until September or later. Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve submitting the request for the 2023-2024 PRC 29 Grant as presented.

## Finance

### Budget Amendments

Chief Finance Officer Rube Blanchard explained that he would have all budget amendments at the June meeting for the fiscal year end.

### Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Blanchard presented the Expense-Budget Analysis (YTD) for May 2023. The benchmark was 92%, with 73% actually spent YTD (without the new school construction budget). The report was run on May 16, 2023, and did not include the May payroll or expenditures paid after that date. Mr. Blanchard also presented the budget summary and board report as of May 22, 2023, sorted by 2-digit purpose code for State, Federal, Child Nutrition Funds, Local, Capital Outlay, and Other Sources of Revenue. He provided an update on Capital Outlay as of May 22, 2023, noting that the balance in Capital Outlay for general repairs was \$67,343.24. The balance of the Public School Building Capital Fund Lottery Fund was \$568,235.84. The balance of the Public School Building Capital Fund School Building Repair & Renovation Fund (PSBRRF) was \$592,981.70. The Public School Building Capital Fund Needs Based Lottery Fund, the funding source for the new school construction was \$20,807,239.00, which included an expenditure for the architect in the amount of \$11,850.00.

### School Health Advisory Committee Action Plan

Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Bunch presented the School Health Advisory Committee Action Plan for 2021-2024. He explained the three focus items of the plan, trauma-informed schools, employee wellness, and safety and security of students, faculty, staff and visitors on campus. Each focus has a goal, with steps or strategies to fulfill each goal. Upon motion by Matt Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the School Health Advisory Committee Action Plan for 2021-2024 as presented.

## Reports / Updates

### Student Discipline Data

Mr. Bunch noted the number of reportable offenses remained at 12 for the school year. Suspensions for the month of April were as follows: Perquimans Central - 0, Hertford Grammar - 6, Perquimans Middle - 13, and Perquimans High - 6.

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Turner shared the following information:

- Enrollment: PCS – 404/36 PreK, HGS – 397, PCMS – 377, PCHS – 513, Total – 1,691  
Note: ADM increased by 32 students since last year; 80 Kindergarten students registered thus far (10 more since last month); 15 NC PreK students have not registered
- Vacancies: Unfilled – Art Teacher (PCHS), Math Teacher (PCHS), ELA Teacher (PCMS), Athletic Trainer, STEM CTE Teacher, Exceptional Children's Teacher (PCHS), Elementary Education Teacher, Exceptional Children's TA, Social Studies Teacher (PCMS), Speech Language Pathologist, Assistant Principal (PCHS), Custodian (PCHS)  
Filled pending Board approval – English Teacher (PCHS), School Psychologist (District), Health/PE Teacher (PCMS), Exceptional Children's Teacher (PCS), Custodians (HGS and PCMS)
- Child Nutrition Charges: January - \$827.24; February - \$1,323.97; March - \$1,280.16; April - \$1,156.53; May - \$1,709.04; Angel Account: \$1,598.75
- Cooper Update / Spring Break - Storytime with Cooper (therapy dog) and Virtual Storytime with Cooper in July
- Upcoming Dates for End-of-Year Events

**Board Chair's Comments**

Chairman Russell Lassiter said he attended the Principal of the Year celebration in Raleigh. He was proud of his son, Dr. John Lassiter, for his efforts and for representing our county so well. Mr. Lassiter also thanked board members for their attendance of the special recognition of students and staff.

**Announcements**

- Perquimans County High School Graduation – Friday, June 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office

**Closed Session**

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Winslow, the Board voted unanimously at 7:43 p.m. to enter closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(1) and (6) to consider closed session minutes, student transfer requests, and personnel matters.

**Return to Open Session**


Upon motion by Matt Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously at 8:41 p.m. to return to open session.

**Personnel Summary Report**

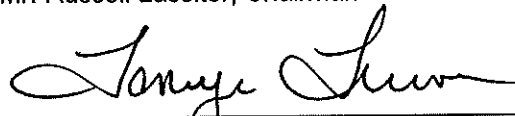
Upon motion by Matt Winslow and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendations regarding personnel items as presented.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



Mr. Russell Lassiter, Chairman



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Dr. Tanya Turner, Superintendent

