

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – July 24, 2023

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Audio access was available to the public by dialing a telephone number and entering a meeting ID and passcode.

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 Matt Winslow and second by Kristy Corprew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Special Recognition

Superintendent Dr. Tanya Turner recognized Stacey Pierce, a teacher at Perquimans Central School, who was named the 2023-2024 NCCAT *Richard L. Thompson Honored Educator Scholar*. The *Richard L. Thompson Honored Educator Scholarship* honors the lifelong dedication of Dr. Thompson to the profession of teaching and learning. Each year, a scholarship recipient is able to attend an NCCAT program at no cost to the teacher or school. It also provides \$250 for the teacher to use in the classroom.

Signing of Code of Ethics Statement

In accordance with Board Policy 2120, at the annual organizational meeting of the board, all board members signed a code of ethics statement that included the provisions in the policy.

Election of Officers

Dr. Turner assumed the position of Chair for the election of the Chair and opened the floor for nominations. Dr. Anne White nominated Russell Lassiter for Chair. There were no other nominations for Chair and nominations were closed. Upon unanimous vote, Russell Lassiter was elected Chair. Mr. Lassiter thanked the Board for its support and confidence in him as Chair.

Chairman Lassiter opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Dr. White nominated Arlene Yates for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations for Vice Chair and nominations were closed. Upon unanimous vote, Arlene Yates was elected Vice Chair. Mrs. Yates thanked the Board for electing her Vice Chair and affirmed she will do her very best.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Kristy Corprew and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the June 28, 2023 regular session as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Matt Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the Spring 2023 policy changes and revisions to Policy 3410 Testing and Assessments.

Spring 2023: Set 1 – 13 policies with substantive changes

1610 / 7800	Professional and Staff Development
3101	Dual Enrollment
4023 / 7233	Education for Pregnant and Parenting Students <u>and Employees</u>
4310	Integrity and Civility
5008	Automated Phone and Text Messaging
5040	News Media Relations
6315	Drivers
6330	Insurance for Student Transportation Services
6402	Participation by Historically Underutilized Businesses
6430	Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies
7503	Teleworking
7810	Evaluation of Licensed Employees
7815	Evaluation of Non-Licensed Employees

Spring 2023: Set 2 – 7 policies with minor changes

4130	Discretionary Admission
4155	Assignment to Classes
4334 / 5035 / 7345	Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)
5028 / 6130 / 7267	Automated External Defibrillator
6410	Organization of the Purchasing Function
7340	Employee Dress and Appearance
7650	Employee Travel and Other Expense Reimbursement

Other Policy Revisions

3410	Testing and Assessments
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Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Federal Program Grants 2023-2024

Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Bunch presented Federal Program Grants for 2023-2024 including Title IA - \$933,967, Title IIA - \$143,915, Title IVA - \$107,035, Rural Low-Income Schools (RLIS) - \$99,390, ESSER III (K-12 Emergency Relief) - \$2,259,712, ESSER III (Grades 4-8 Math Enrichment) - \$33,812, for total funds requested \$3,577,831. In his presentation, Mr. Bunch described each fund and the expenditures each would include. Upon motion by Leary Winslow and second by Matt Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve Federal Grants, Title IA, Title IIA, Title IVA, RLIS, and ESSER III, as presented.

Policy Revisions and Regulations

Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Bunch presented proposed regulations for PCS, HGS, PCMS, and PCHS for Policy 4300 Student Behavior. He also presented proposed revisions to Policy 4316 Student Dress

Code. Both of these policies were discussed recently at the Administrative Retreat. These regulations and policy revisions were presented for a first reading. Action will be taken at the August meeting.

Board of Education Representative for Foundation Board

Dr. Anne White nominated Matt Winslow. Upon motion by Dr. Anne White and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Matt Winslow as the Board of Education representative to the Perquimans County Schools Foundation Board for 2023-2024.

Reports / Updates

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Turner shared the following information:

- Vacancies: Unfilled – Art Teacher at PCMS, *2 Math Teachers at PCHS, *Social Studies Teacher at PCHS, English Teacher at PCHS, Exceptional Children's Teacher at PCHS, Exceptional Children's TA at HGS, Speech Language Pathologist, Custodian (PCMS and PCHS) *Plan in place for full face-to-face instruction with HQ teacher
Filled pending Board approval – ½ time Math Teacher at PCHS, Art Teacher at PCHS, Computer Science Teacher at PCMS, Assistant Principal at PCMS and PCHS, Teacher Assistant at PCS (2), TLC Facilitator at PCMS, ISS at PCMS
- Track Update – Inside curb completed last week; outside curb will be complete this week pending weather; asphalt scheduled for August 24th; on schedule for completion November 1st
- Perquimans County Intermediate School – schematic design almost complete; massing model
- Dr. Turner shared data regarding the impact of keeping school open during the pandemic. She illustrated negative and positive effects in Math, ELA, and Science.

Board Chair's Comments

Mr. Lassiter said Dr. Turner's presentation showed him that bringing the students back to school as early as possible is paying dividends. He commended Dr. Turner, the faculty and staff for their efforts "to get us to today." Dr. White said it showed her that leadership matters.

Leary Winslow asked about a site for the new school. Dr. Turner said that could be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Lassiter thanked Chief Human Resources Officer Dr. Shawn Wilson for filling as many of the vacancies as she has been able to, especially this time of the year.

Mrs. Yates said she received an email about schools signing up to receive free AEDs and cleaning supplies from COVID funds. Mr. Bunch said that the district "ordered a lot." Mrs. Yates also mentioned she would be going to Raleigh this week to talk about Early Childhood funding. She also mentioned there are new sanitation rules for Pre-K. Dr. Turner will check with Mrs. Fields to make sure the district is in compliance with the new rules. Mrs. Yates said the staff to child ratio is changing also.

Announcements

Regular Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, August 22, 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 6:48 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

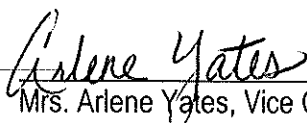
Upon motion by Matt Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously at 6:59 p.m. to return to open session.

Personnel Summary Report

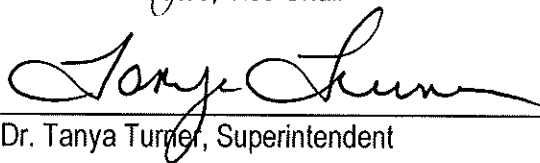
Upon motion by Dr. Anne White and second by Matt Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendations regarding personnel items as presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Mrs. Arlene Yates, Vice Chair



Dr. Tanya Turner, Superintendent