

Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – November 26, 2012

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the administrative offices of Perquimans County Schools. Board members in attendance included Arlene Yates, Walter Leigh, Ralph Hollowell, Steven Magaro and Wallace Nelson. Susan Cox was absent.

Board Chair Arlene Yates called the meeting to order. Wallace Nelson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Ralph Hollowell opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Special Recognitions

Superintendent Dr. Dwayne Stallings and Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Bunch recognized the winners of the Special Olympics T-Shirt Design Contest—Brandelyn Harrell – 1st Place; Ivan Hayman – 2nd Place; and Samantha Midgett – 3rd Place. Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Bunch stated there has been a renewed interest in Special Olympics. At the Special Olympics this year, our student athletes will be wearing these specially designed T-shirts. Each contest winner was presented with a framed print of their winning design.

Superintendent Dr. Dwayne Stallings and Jonathan Nixon, Director of Maintenance, Construction and Custodial Services, recognized custodians for the Grade “A” rating their schools received on the recent quarterly custodial inspections. Custodians recognized included: Perquimans Central School – Richard Spann, Jr., Sandra Bizzell, Mary Williams and Ronald Wilson; Perquimans County Middle School – Webb Jackson, June Hunter, Eassie Revell, Elmer Rumble and Tevin Jordan; Hertford Grammar School – Robert Banks, Willie Downing and Joyce Hunter; and Board of Education – Ruby Hughes. Each school received a plaque and each custodian received a special gift for their diligence in keeping our schools clean and safe for students and staff.

Superintendent Stallings recognized two teachers, both from Perquimans County High School, who have renewed their certification for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards—Lynette Baker – science teacher, and Kristy Corprew – English teacher. Each shared a few words of appreciation and NCPTS Support Coach Marcia Dickman expressed her thoughts about her involvement in the process. Each teacher received a personalized, screen-printed hoodie for achieving this certification.

Mrs. Chanté Lassiter Jordan, Principal of Perquimans County High School, was recognized as the Wells Fargo Principal of the Year for 2012-2013 for Perquimans County Schools. Mrs. Jordan recognized family and staff who were in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Stallings presented Mrs. Jordan with a plaque for this distinguished honor and noted that she will now advance to regional and perhaps even state competition.

In recognition of the Environmental Stewardship Award presented earlier in the year for Perquimans County High School’s notable energy savings, Nick Clark and Bill Damuth of Damuth Trane again congratulated the Board and presented them with a red crepe myrtle tree which will be planted at the high school to commemorate this award. The tree was delivered to the maintenance department prior to the meeting and will be planted at the high school by maintenance staff.

Dr. Stallings presented the North Carolina School Boards Association Academy of School Boardmanship Special Achievement Award to Board Chairperson Arlene Yates. This award signifies that each member of the board earned the required 12 hours of training during the year in accordance with N.C.G.S. 115C-50. The Perquimans County Board of Education was one of 45 of school districts across the state earning this award.

Dr. Stallings spoke about the Raleigh Dingman Award, the highest honor bestowed on a North Carolina school board member named in honor of Raleigh Dingman, the North Carolina School Board’s Association’s (NCSBA) first full-time executive secretary. To be nominated for this honor, official nomination by the local board is required, as well as letters of support from school and community leaders testifying to the nominee’s contribution to NCSBA, the cause of

boardsmanship and public education. Since 2003, recipients of this honor have been appointed to an ex-officio advisory position to the State Board of Education. The winner serves as an advisor to the State Board and the NCSBA Board of Directors and attends the meetings of both organizations.

Dr. Stallings recognized former Perquimans County board member and 1982 winner of the Raleigh Dingman Award, Mr. Clifford Winslow. Mr. Winslow served on the Board of Education for 28 years, from April 1967 until November 1994, serving as board chairman for 25 of those years. Mr. Winslow explained that he was instrumental in creating the Raleigh Dingman award. Mr. Dingman died while Mr. Winslow was serving as president of the Association and, consequently, he spent most of his time as president searching for a replacement. Mr. Winslow applauded Wallace Nelson for being named the recipient of this distinguished leadership award.

Dr. Stallings introduced Perquimans County Board of Education Member Wallace Nelson, the 2012 recipient of the Raleigh Dingman Award. Dr. Stallings shared information about Mr. Nelson's involvement on the school board, as well as his involvement in his church and community, noting his service on the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, the Perquimans County Planning Board, Albemarle Regional Health Services Board, and College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees. He also noted that Mr. Nelson received the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine award in 2010.

Mr. Nelson recognized his wife, Freda, and children, Ethan and Lauren, and thanked them for tolerating the time he spent away from home at various meetings. He also recognized his daughter-in-law and son-in-law and thanked them for being at the meeting. Mr. Nelson thanked the Board of Education, the Superintendent, Central Office staff, principals, teachers and staff for their work in the school district. He also recognized Mr. Clifford Winslow, a man of character who poured his heart and soul in the Board of Education and the NCSBA. Mr. Nelson mentioned his involvement in the prison ministry and correlated that to the importance of what the board and school system does for children. He said, "It's all about the kids. I don't accept this award as a personal recognition, but as an affirmation that God has used my life to make a difference in the lives of others."

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 18-19, 2012 Board Retreat and October 22, 2012 regular meeting as presented.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendations as presented in the Personnel Summary Report for November 26, 2012.

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

None

Old Business

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the School Improvement Plans for 2012-2013 as presented.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Walter Leigh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following revised board policies as presented:

- 5030 Community Use of Facilities
- 6420 Contracts with the Board

- 6425 Continuing Contracts
- 6430 Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies
- 6440 Local Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies (delete)
- 9120 Bidding for Construction Work
- 9125 Participation by Minority Businesses

In 9125, the Board asked to change the wording “verifiable percentage goal” to “verifiable goal” for consistency of the language in the policy.

New Business

Upon motion by Ralph Hollowell and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to table action on the Agreement for Professional Services with Albemarle & Associates, Ltd. until a meeting is held with the County Manager, Superintendent, and Chairpersons of both boards. The proposed agreement, in the amount of \$14,800, is for design revisions for the athletic complex at Perquimans County High School so that the cost of the project is under \$3 million. The Board of Education paid \$33,900 to Albemarle & Associates for the initial design of the complex.

Upon motion by Walter Leigh and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following budget amendments as presented:

- State Public School Fund – Budget Amendment #3
- Local Current Expense Fund – Budget Amendment #3
- Federal Grants Fund – Budget Amendment #3
- Other Specific Revenue Fund – Budget Amendment #3

The Board did not act upon a budget amendment for the Capital Outlay Fund since it did not take action on the agreement with Albemarle & Associates.

Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Steven Magaro, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised cash management plan as presented. Finance Officer Candy Tilley explained that after submitting the revised plan last month, the State Controller’s Office requested more detailed information regarding daily operations.

The Board conducted a first reading of the following revised board policies:

- 1610 / 7800 Professional and Staff Development
- 3102 Online Instruction
- 3120 Lesson Planning
- 3200 Selection of Instructional Materials
- 3210 Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials
- 3220 Technology in the Educational Program
- 3225 / 4312 / 7320 Technology Responsible Use
- 3226 / 4205 Internet Safety
- 3227 / 7322 Web Page Development
- 3410 Testing and Assessment Program
- 6401 Ethics and the Purchasing Function
- 6524 Network Security
- 7730 Employee Conflict of Interest
- 8220 Gifts and Bequests

Action will be taken on these policies at the December board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Board members agreed to Dr. Stallings' proposal regarding the ongoing process for updating the board policy manual. When proposed revisions are received from the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA), the policies will be given to the appropriate administrator/director for review and recommendations. The recommendations will be sent to the NCSBA attorney for review before placing the policies on the board agenda for a first reading.

Dr. Stallings presented a resolution from the National School Boards Association (NSBA) regarding sequestration which would allow for \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education effective January 2, 2013. Upon motion by Wallace Nelson and seconded by Ralph Hollowell, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the resolution "urging Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness."

Dr. Stallings presented the list of bus drivers with perfect attendance for October 2012. He noted that there were sixteen bus drivers with perfect attendance for the month of October and fifteen with perfect attendance for the year to date.

Dr. Stallings announced that a work session has been scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 for the board to consider items including salary study, budget format and athletic complex. Information about time and location will be forthcoming.

Dr. Stallings informed the Board that the D.A.R.E. program will be re-established this year for 5th grade students at Hertford Grammar School. The program will be provided using fines and forfeiture funds. Approximately \$300 per year will be needed for materials.

Board Chair's Comments

None

Announcements

- Regular Board of Education meeting, Monday, December 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., Board of Education Building

Mrs. Yates announced that the Town of Winfall will have a Christmas Parade this year. It will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. and the theme will be, "A Christmas to Remember."

Mrs. Yates mentioned that some parents have talked to her about school uniforms. It was decided that the superintendent will find out how the staff feels about school uniforms and also survey districts in the northeast.

Closed Session

Upon motion by Steven Magaro and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session at 9:10 p.m. pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) regarding personnel matters and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Upon motion by Steven Magaro and seconded by Wallace Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 10:59 p.m.

No action was taken by the Board after returning to open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Arlene Yates, Board Chairperson

Dwayne K. Stallings, Superintendent