

**Perquimans County Board of Education
Regular Session – May 20, 2024**

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2024. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Perquimans County High School for special recognitions. Following the special recognitions, there was a brief recess and the Board moved to the Central Office for the remainder of the agenda. At that time, audio access was available to the public by dialing a telephone number and entering a meeting ID and passcode.

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

Board members present: Board Chair Russell Lassiter (in person), Vice Chair Arlene Yates (in person), Kristy Corprew (in person – arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Dr. Anne White (via 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 as presented.

Special Recognitions

On behalf of the Board, Superintendent Dr. Tanya Turner recognized the following students and staff with certificates.

PCMS Band

The Perquimans County Middle School 7th and 8th grade band received an excellent rating at MPA and first place at the Music in the Parks Festival at Busch Gardens this year. The band is directed by Mrs. Katelyn Copeland.

Band Members:

Angelica Ainslie	Dakota Ballance	Cassian Billip	Mayra Blanco-Ramirez
Jacob Brewer	Colton Brickhouse	Casey Copeland	Landon Dameron
Anna Davis	Franco Delaluz-Gutierrez	Kaylee Dieffenbach	Skylar Dolchok
Allison Ford	Jonathan Gibbs	Darci Henning	Laciana Hodges
Averie Hollowell	Amelia Kneut	Anne Konrad	Jason LaLonde
Gwendolyn Maupin	Connor McLeod	Cassie McNutt	Bryce Moreland
Andrew Mountjoy	Brianna Mulch	Trinity Peters	Tyson Peters
Emely Ramos-Cupil	Lilly Riddick	Camille Rogers	Trevor Rountree
Emily Rucker	Bryonna Sadler	MaliAnn Seabury	Jameson Smith
Justice Stacy	Evie Stallings	McKenzie Talmadge	Ellie Thomas
Avery Torres	Jaedee Walker	Gabriella Ward	Gabriel Williams

PCHS Marching Pirates

The Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates had an incredible season, receiving many 1st place caption awards at competitions throughout the fall and placing as the top band of the day at regional competition. They also had the highest scoring performance received from any NCHSAA Division 1A school in the state for the third consecutive year beating their previous all-time high score state sanctioned score by five points with a score of 91.39. The band is directed by Mr. Evan Copeland.

Hickory High School
1st Place Color Guard

Panther Band Classic
2nd Place Drum Major and Percussion

Edenton Battle of the Bands

- 2nd Place Drum Majors
- 2nd Place Percussion
- 1st Place Visual
- 1st Place General Effect
- 1st Place Color Guard
- 2nd Place Music
- 1st Place Overall Class AAA
- The Gebhart High Visual Award
- Band of the Day Award across all classifications

- 1st Place Color Guard, Visual, Music, Effect
- 1st Place Overall in Class 3A
- People's Choice Award
- 2nd Place Band of the Day across all classes 1 - 4A

Crystal Coast Band Classic

- 2nd Place Drum Major, Music and Effect
- 1st Place Color Guard and Visual Performance
- 2nd Place Overall Class 2A

Band Members:

Shelby Lowe	Victoria Feather	Tabitha Vanscoy	Aaliyah Blanchard
Hailey Gilbert	Mahalia Hodges	Vivien Lane	Giada Salupo
Langdon Dail	Jazmin Nava-Delaluz	Jodie Castelow	Hailey Richardson
Asia Fletcher	Sarah Richardson	Ashley Boseman	Za'erha Gordon
Melissa Staley	Anthony Winslow	Kelvin Linton	Brianna Ross
Wyatt Jefferson	Y'Lontae Stanley	Derrick Castillo	Jedediah Ray
Alex Crowley	Makalia Roller	Carson Davis	Clara Hallberg
Ariana Farrar	Amos Fletcher	Yair Perez	Krista Linton
Dallas Williams	Benjamin Lowther	Cameron Helterbridle	Jamaar Perry
Cameron Christy	Zephyr Lahr	Amira Tarda	Dakota Mayo
Zoe Clifton	Andrew Whitehurst	Phoebe Hash	Jeremy Inslay
Robert Jones	Jacob Brewer	Kaylee Anderson	Lillian Murphy
Dwuanee' Williams	Aubrey Dykes	Suzana Lane	Meagan Spafford
Mikayla Chestnut	Georgeous Overton	Kierstyn Castle	Landon Damron
Brianna Mulch	Charlotte Peters	Skylar Dolchok	Aven Hall
Trinity Peters	Maggie Jones		

PCHS Concert Band

The high school concert band received a Superior rating at the NC Bandmasters Association Music Performance Assessment. This is the third Superior rating in the school's history marking the first back-to-back Superior ratings, the highest rating achievable at assessment. Nineteen students were selected to participate in the Albemarle Band Clinic, and the band placed 2nd at their spring festival competition in Williamsburg, VA. The band is directed by Mr. Evans Copeland.

Band Members:

Ryleigh Watson	Shelby Lowe	Victoria Feather	Kierstyn Castle
Tabitha Vanscoy	Aaliyah Blanchard	Hailey Gilbert	Mahalia Hodges
Vivien Lane	Giada Salupo	Langdon Dail	Jazmin Nava-Delaluz
Jodie Castelow	Asia Fletcher	Sarah Richardson	Trinity Gordon
Ashley Boseman	Za'erha Gordon	Melissa Staley	Anthony Winslow
Kelvin Linton	Charlotte Peters	Brianna Ross	Astrid Smith
Derrick Castillo	Jedediah Ray	Alex Crowley	Makalia Roller
Carson Davis	Clara Hallberg	Ariana Farrar	Amos Fletcher
Yair Perez	Krista Linton	Dallas Williams	Benjamin Lowther
Cameron Helterbridle	Cameron Christy	Zephyr Lahr	Andrew Whitehurst
Phoebe Hash	Zane Larson	Annjolene Boone	Robert Jones
Mikayla Chestnut	Liam Darly	Zoey Lawson	Georgeous Overton
Keyshawn Morris			

Winter Guard

The Perquimans County High School Winter Guard team was promoted to a higher classification this year and put on an amazing production. In Division Regional A1, they received 2nd place at Midlothian Regional, 1st place at the West Craven Regional, and placed 10th out of 19 represented in their class at the championship this spring. The Winter Guard is directed by Mrs. Katelyn Copeland.

Team Members:

Kaylee Anderson	Vivien Lane	Shelby Lowe	Yair Perez
Derrick Castillo	Za'erha Gordon	Kierstyn Castle	Aubrey Dykes
Skylar O'Neil	Landon Damron	Brianna Mulch	Mikayla Chestnut
Maddox Ross	Lanna Howell	Trinity Peters	Suzi Lane
Charlotte Peters			

2023-2024 Perquimans County High School Hunter Safety Team

The Perquimans County High School Hunter Safety Team won 1st place overall at the district tournament. They placed 1st in Rifle and Hunter Skills and 2nd in Archery. Senior Luke Williams placed 1st overall in Archery and Hunter Skills. Junior Garrett Christian placed 1st overall in Rifle. They advanced to the state tournament in Ellerbe, NC on April 27th where they won 2nd place out of 36 teams in the senior division. They placed 2nd overall in the Hunter Skills event as well. They are making plans to compete in a national tournament this summer. The team is coached by Talmadge Meads – Head Coach and Rifle Coach, Darlene Meads – Hunter Skills Coach, Kevin Roberts – Shotgun Coach, James Ward – Bow Coach, and Amy Ward – Secretary/Treasurer.

Team Members:

Wriston Adcock	Addison Chappell	Garrett Christian	Cole Clayton
Marshall Davenport	Carson Davis	Dominic Elkie	Gage Harris
Hailey Melton	Brayden Nixon	Jay Roberts	Landon Russell
Tate Russell	Sean Saunders	Drew Whitehurst	Luke Williams
Caden Winslow			

2023-2024 Perquimans County High School Golf

Congratulations to Caden Winslow and Peyton Trueblood for qualifying to compete in the regionals for golf. They were the only freshmen to qualify. Caden and Peyton also qualified to compete at the state championship. They were coached by PCHS alumnus Kameron Hall.

Perquimans County High School Battle of the Books

The Perquimans County High School Battle of the Books Team were the 1st Place Region 1 Champions this year. They came in 4th place at the state level with one round being a perfect score—all questions answered correctly. The team was coached by Roberta Heath.

Team Members:

Kaylee Anderson	Kendra Graham	Astrid Smith	Ashley Boseman
Jocelyn Jennings	Vivien Lane	Aaliyah Blanchard	Lilly Ford
Mahalia Hodges			

NC State Math Contest

The following students competed in the NC State Math Contest at Fayetteville State University on April 25th. In her role as AIG Coordinator at PCHS, Julie Roberts organized and drove the bus for the trips for both the district and state competitions.

Math 1 from Perquimans County Middle School

Lane Gregory – placed 7th out of 29 participants
Skylar Dolchok – placed 16th out of 29 participants

Math 2 from Perquimans County High School

Nathaniel Williamson – placed 6th out of 15 participants
Mahalia Hodges – placed 7th out of 15 participants

Math 3 from Perquimans County High School

Carter Winslow – placed 7th out of 14 participants (unable to attend)

READBowl

READBowl is Read with Malcom’s free global reading competition where PK-8 classrooms around the globe compete to read for the most minutes. It is a program designed to inspire kids to read and to provide teachers with a platform to motivate students to increase reading minutes. This year, Hertford Grammar School had multiple classrooms complete and one class score in the top 50 of the national rankings in 3 out of 4 weeks. Mrs. Phelps’ 44 students read a total of 229,120 minutes.

Mrs. Phelps’ READBowl Students:

Khai Billip	Serenity Bowser	Piper Brothers	Elizabeth Byrum
Lilly Creech	Brantley Godfrey	Aubree Gregory	Marques Moore
Declan Overman	Victoria Richardson	Drew Roberts	Jed Roberts
Blake Schmidt	Salter Shoaf	Kamden Smith-Cabarras	Jaxon Spruill
Ross Spruill	Reid Story	Ayden White	Josiah White
Bryce Williams	Sabian Almodova	Claire Baker	Charlotte Branham
Caroline Caddy	Ellie Copeland	Joshua Crandall III	Jaylen Evans
Kayleigh Evans	William Harriss	Adilene Hernandez-Ramos	Scarlett Lassiter
Jace Long	Nolan Nixon	Mason Perez	Joely Potts
Antonio Quinonez	Matthew Rink	Taylor Rountree	S’Jaye Scott
Jezlyn Smith	Kaelin Whitehurst	James Winslow	

2024 The Daily Advance Best of the Albemarle

Congratulations to Mr. Brad Buckner who was selected as *The Daily Advance* Best of the Albemarle Teacher of the Year for 2024. Mr. Buckner graduated from ECSU with a B.A. in History. He has 15 years of experience as a teacher. Before he was a teacher, he was employed by the NC Department of Corrections where he worked for eight years. He has been employed by Perquimans County Schools since 2022 as a Social Studies teacher at Perquimans County Middle School.

Brief Recess

At 6:50 p.m., Chairman Lassiter announced that the Board would recess until 7:00 p.m. when the meeting would resume at the Central Office.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Matt Winslow and second by Arlene Yates, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the April 22, 2024 regular session as presented.

Consent Agenda

None

Public Hearing / Requests from the Public

Earnell Brown, a concerned citizen of Perquimans County, mentioned her interest in the recent article in *The Daily Advance* about the track. She asked several questions about fundraising, sign design, use of federal funds for the track, and the storage building. Board Member Leary Winslow mentioned there has been no request for a response to the article from the Board of Education. It was the consensus of the Board to provide a response to *The Daily Advance* for clarification. For clarification, Mr. Lassiter said the Board voted unanimously to name the track after Ms. Shirley Wiggins in April 2018. The Board has never backed away from that vote and still plans to name the track after Ms. Shirley Wiggins. Mr. Lassiter thanked Ms. Brown for her interest in this matter.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Revisions to 2024-2025 School Calendar

Chief Academic Officer of Curriculum and Instruction Trisha Brickhouse presented a revised school calendar for 2024-2025. She noted there was an error with the calculation of total school calendar days. The calendar must have a total of 215 days from the start of the first teacher workday to the last teacher workday. The approved calendar only had 214. In the calendar, April 30th lands on a Wednesday and May 1st starts on a Wednesday when actually May 1st should be on Thursday. This means that one day was counted twice, giving a total of 172 student days instead of 173 and a total of 214 calendar days instead of the required 215 calendar days. The district is still in compliance with student days/instructional hours with this error. One day had to be added to the calendar to total 215 days, either a student day or a teacher work day. The recommendation from the calendar committee was to add an optional teacher work day on Friday, June 6, 2025. (Note: Mrs. Corprew arrived at the meeting before the vote was taken.) Upon motion by Kristy Corprew and second by Matt Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revisions to the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented.

School Nutrition Bids

School Nutrition Director Kimberly Cullipher presented the School Nutrition Bids for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. She explained this year is a continuation of last year and there were no price increases. She made the following recommendations: milk bid – Marva Maid Dairy / Maola Milk of Newport News; bread bid – Flowers Baking Co. of Norfolk; water and other beverages – 0 bids, will continue to purchase these from Sysco Hampton Roads. Functioning as a part of the 11 county Northeast North Carolina Co-Op, she made the following recommendations: groceries – SYSCO Hampton Roads, Suffolk, VA; Supplies (paper/plastic) – SYSCO Hampton Roads, Suffolk, VA; produce – SYSCO Hampton Roads, Suffolk, VA. A provision in all of the bids states that if we are satisfied with the performance of the company and it is mutually agreeable with both parties of the contract, the contracts may be renewed at the end of the initial contract period, up to four additional years. Upon motion by Dr. Anne White and second by Matt Winslow, the Board voted unanimously to approve School Nutrition bids for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 as presented.

IDEA Part B, 611 Grant and 619 Preschool Grant

Chief Academic Officer of Student Services Dr. Kanika Griffin presented the 2024-2025 IDEA Part B 611 Grant projected allotment of \$432,000.00 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 presented the 619 Preschool Grant projected allotment of \$20,000.00 and expenditures. The 619 Preschool 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 Arlene Yates and second by Kristy Corprew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2024-2025 IDEA Part B, 611 Grant and 619 Preschool Grant as presented.

Finance

Monthly Financial Report

Chief Finance Officer Mr. Rube Blanchard presented the Expense-Budget Analysis (YTD) for May 2024. The benchmark was 92%, with 81% actually spent YTD (excluding new school construction). The report was run on May 14, 2024, and did not include the May payroll or expenditures paid after that date. He also showed the budget summary sorted by 2-digit purpose code with the same information. The Capital Outlay report for May showed a balance of \$32,019.17 for general repairs. The balance of the Public School Building Capital Fund Lottery Fund was \$709,052.92. The balance of the Public School Building Capital Fund Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund (PSBRRF) was \$1,080,555.08. The balance of the Public School Building Capital Fund Needs Based Lottery Fund Project Allocation, the funding source for the new school, was \$36,005,362.16.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Turner announced that seven Seniors and one Junior graduated from the EMT program this morning.

Board Chair's Comments

Mr. Lassiter announced that Vice Chair Arlene Yates has been invited to speak at the late Rev. Walter Leigh's service on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Leigh was a former member of the Board of Education. If any board member has information they would like for Mrs. Yates to share about Rev. Leigh's service on the Board of Education, please let her know. Information about the location of the service will be shared with board members once it is confirmed.

Announcements

- Perquimans County High School Graduation – Friday, May 31, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office

Closed Session

Upon motion by Arlene Yates and second by Leary Winslow, the Board voted unanimously at 7:20 p.m. to enter closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143.318.11(a)(1), (2) and (6) to consider closed session minutes, student transfer requests, personnel matters and to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award.

Return to Open Session

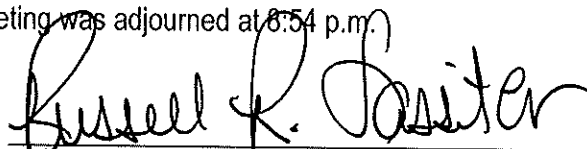
Upon motion by Kristy Corprew and second by Matt Winslow, the Board voted unanimously at 8:53 p.m. to return to open session.

Personnel Summary Report

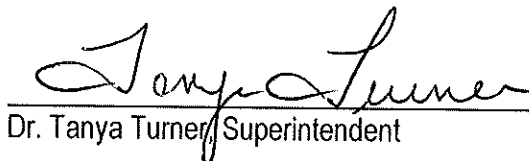
Upon motion by Matt Winslow and second by Kristy Corprew, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendations regarding personnel items, with the addendum, as presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



Mr. Russell Lassiter, Chairman



Dr. Tanya Turner, Superintendent