

- Board had discussed the issue. He gave additional information on the importance of changing the regulations. He asked that the Board's answer to his request come to him in writing.

**CLOSED SESSION: LEGAL MATTER/NEGOTIATION FOR SALE/LEASE OF REAL ESTATE MATTER & CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(3)(5), Alan Lennon made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a legal matter, a negotiation for sale/lease of real estate matter, and to approve closed session minutes. The motion was seconded by Fondella A. Leigh and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Closed Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened on motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard, and unanimously approved by the Board. No action required from the Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Fondella A. Leigh.

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Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

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Clerk to the Board

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**JOINT WORK SESSION**

April 15, 2019

6:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a Joint Work Session with the Perquimans County Board of Education on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education's Central Office located at 411 Edenton Road Street, Hertford, NC 27944.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Wallace Nelson, Chairman Joseph W. Hoffler Alan Lennon	Fondella Leigh, Vice Chair Kyle Jones Charles Woodard
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None	

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Anne White, Chair Matthew Peeler	Amy Spaug, Vice Chair Leary Winslow
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Russell Lassiter & Arlene Yates	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Frank Heath, County Manager	Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Tracy Mathews, County Finance Officer	James Bunch, Interim Superintendent
Larissa York, Finance Officer	Jeffrey Miller, Director of Transportation
James Davison, Director of Maintenance	Mary Kaye Peele, Administrative Assistant
Tanya Turner, Newly Appointed Superintendent	John Lassiter, Principal – Hertford Grammar
Jill Cohen, Director of CTE	Martha Nixon – Chief Technology Officer

Chair Anne White called the meeting to order. Leary Winslow led the pledge and Vice Chair Spaug gave the invocation. After approving the Agenda, Ms. White welcomed everyone and then introduced the newly appointed Superintendent, Tanya Turner, who will be sworn in on April 29<sup>th</sup>. She then turned the meeting over to Interim Superintendent Bunch. Mr. Bunch explained that they had a three-part presentation for your consideration: Information about the Schools, Budget for FY 2019-20, and Capital Outlay.

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOLS**

Mr. Bunch presented pictures of great things that are happening at Perquimans County Schools. John Lassiter and Jill Cohen also made comments during this period.

**BUDGET FOR FY 2019-20**

Mr. Bunch turned the meeting over to Larissa York, Finance Officer, who presented the following items for FY 2019-20:

Overview of FY 2018-19 Budget	FY 2018-19 Highlights
ADM (Average Daily Membership)	FY 2019-20 Budget Issues
Local Government History	

Ms. York presented the following FY 2019-20 Budget Issues:

Federal Budget Cuts of 2%	Retirement Contributions Increase 1.62%
Hospitalization Costs – increase of \$245/employee	Teacher Salary & Supplement Increases
Classified Employee Salary Increases	Bridge Closures
Fuel & Utility Price Increases	

**CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS**

Mr. Bunch turned the meeting over to James Davison, Director of Maintenance, who gave an overview of the Capital Outlay projects for FY 2019-20. He opened his remarks by reporting that his original request amount was \$1.4 million. After negotiations with Mr. Bunch and the Board of Education, he reduced the amount to be requested to \$764,000. The proposed projects include the following:

**Lands & Buildings**

<i>Perquimans County High School:</i>	
Building G Renovations	DDC Controls for HVAC
Kitchen Equipment: Phase 1 of 4	Ramp for Graduation
Auditorium Renovations (Building C)	
<i>Teachers' Lounge</i>	
<i>Staff Bathroom</i>	

Stage Area

Hertford Grammar School:

Insulation on Chill Water Line

Maintenance Building:

Roof Replacement

Engineering Fees

Asbestos Removal – Building B

Transportation Building:

Heater in One of the Bay Areas

Furniture & Equipment

Perquimans County Middle School:

Bleachers

Perquimans Central School:

Replace Aged Risers

Mr. Davison turned it over to Jeffrey Miller, Director of Transportation, who presented the following transportation requests:

Vehicles:

Replace 1 – Maintenance Truck

Fire Truck – this is the third year of a 6-yr lease\*

Replace 30 passenger 1997 Mini Activity Bus

Mr. Miller said that their desire is to align the replacements of Activity Buses with the State Maintenance Schedule which is to replace bus after 20 years or 250,000 miles, whichever comes first.

\*Mr. Bunch explained that he had sent a letter to the Hertford Town Office requesting that they donate the fire truck. They have requested that Mr. Bunch come meet with them personally in a few weeks to formally present his request. He will be doing that in the near future.

\*\*Mr. Miller stated that in 2014 they had an engine failure in this vehicle and they have put a great deal of money into the bus so they want to keep it but it needs painting.

Replace 1 – Central Office Car

Paint 2004 Activity Bus\*\*

Mr. Davison made a few closing comments and asked if there were any questions. The following questions were asked:

- **Charles Woodard:** Mr. Woodard asked if there is any organization working on getting the money back from students who leave the school for the Charter School and then returns to public schools within the current school year. Mr. Bunch said that he has not personally talked to our legislators but he will and should be in the near future. He also mentioned that there were 173 bills that related to school system that needed to be decided this year. One was about grants being offered to the Charter Schools, with the proposed Elaine Riddick Charter School applying for it and receiving it. Also, he said that, at one time there was a 100 Charter School Cap but this is not the case anymore. A representative from Durham has asked to go back to the 100 Charter School Cap until the Charter Schools are investigated to see if they are doing their job properly. Mr. Bunch said that we need to work harder on making our school systems better and show the State that we are doing what we need to do for our children.
- **Wallace Nelson:** Mr. Nelson asked about the quality of our technology training. Mr. Bunch turned that question over to their Chief Technology Officer, Martha Nixon. Ms. Nixon stated that the Perquimans County School System is doing well. During the conversation, County Manager Heath asked if they were recycling the iPads. Ms. Nixon said that they were giving them to Perquimans Central for Grade K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. He also asked what the typical life of a Chrome Book. Ms. Nixon said that it was five years. She would like for it to be four years because on the fifth year it becomes more costly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments, Chair White made closing comments and invited all to the swearing in ceremony for Ms. Turner. Chairman Nelson thanked the Board of Education for hosting the meeting tonight and appreciates the lines of communication between these two Boards. County Manager Heath did talk to the Legislators a couple of weeks ago when he was in Raleigh about the school calendar flexibility and will talk to them about this funding issue when they return to Raleigh on May 8<sup>th</sup>. After all comments were made, Chair White of adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

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Clerk to the Board

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WORK SESSION

April 15, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Due to a lack of business to discuss, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Work Session on April 15, 2019 was cancelled.

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