

CLOSING REMARKS AND QUESTIONS

They concluded their remarks by thanking the County for their financial support and looked forward to another successful year. Chair Lassiter asked if there were any questions or comments about their presentation. The following questions were asked:

- **Commissioner Hoffler:** Mr. Hoffler asked about the status of the Riddick Charter School that was being built in Herford. Ms. Turner said that they did not get their approval. Mr. Hoffler mentioned that the building is still there but Dr. White said that the sign with their name on it has been removed.
- **Chairman Nelson:** Mr. Nelson asked Ms. Turner what kind of feedback she was receiving about the HB 219. Ms. Turner said that they are getting a lot of push for it. Recently, Perquimans County Board of Education adopted a Resolution opposing the bill and that many other school systems have also adopted the Resolution. Mr. Nelson asked if he could receive a copy of that Resolution so that the Board of Commissioners could possibly adopt a similar one. Ms. Turner said that she would provide that copy to him. She cited examples of how the bill can negatively affect the school systems.
- **Commissioner Corprew:** Mr. Corprew asked if it was just the public school systems that can get involved in this matter. Ms. Turner said that they are having a Legislative Day tomorrow where individuals can go to lobby against the bill.
- **County Manager Heath:** Mr. Heath stated that it would be better if they would give the Commissioners the option to designate the funds where it is needed more. Ms. Turner said that, when Mr. Heath said that he understood it to say may be able to decide on how to distribute the funds, she felt the need to reread the bill to see if she may have misunderstood what they allow the local counties do.
- **Commissioner Corprew:** Mr. Corprew asked about the auditorium. Should the study that is being prepared by a structural engineer deem the auditorium not structurally safe, what does the School Board plan to do with the building? Mr. Johnson said that they have a plan. Several members expressed their feelings about the auditorium. Chairman Nelson asked if they had discussions on the new proposed school and how they can build an auditorium with the new school. Ms. Turner said that they have talked about it but it would increase the cost significantly. Dr. White thanked Mr. Johnson for the mammoth job that he did in doing the renovations so that it will bring the buildings and facilities up to date. Mr. Johnson said that we should wait to make a decision about the auditorium until after we receive the structural engineer's report.

Mr. Lassiter asked if there were any more questions or discussions and thanked the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of the School System. Other members of the School Board thanked the Commissioners for their continued financial support. Commissioner Woodard thanked the School Board for all they do for the school system. Chairman Nelson said that it was great the other week when the County, Town of Hertford, and School System representatives pulled together to seek funding for Perquimans County projects. Dr. White wanted to thank Mr. Bunch and the entire staff for the grant funds that they have worked so hard to obtain for the School System. Ms. Turner introduced a new employee, Dr. Shawn Wilson, Chief Human Resources Director, replacing Ms. Maddox and has done a great job. There being no further questions or comments, Chair Lassiter adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

WORK SESSION
April 17, 2023
7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Work Session on April 17, 2023 was cancelled.
