

Person County Board of Education

Special Called Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: March 31, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Location: Person County Schools, Board Room, 304 South Morgan Street, Roxboro, North Carolina.

Board Members Present: Freda Tillman, Margaret Bradsher, Phillip Gillis, Harriett Tillett, and Jason Torian.

Administration Present:

Dr. Rodney	Peterson	Superintendent
Dr. Ron	Anthony	Deputy Superintendent
Julie	Masten	Assistant Superintendent of Finance
Paul	Phillips	Chief Operations Officer
Lori	Stacey	Chief Human Resources Officer
Tara	Holmes	Chief Academic Officer
Jenna	Regan	Senior Executive Director of Student Support Services
Joey	Warren	Executive Director, Elementary Education, School Improvement, Federal Programs
Jason	Clayton	Director of Technology
Erin	Hill	Director of Marketing and Engagement
Candice	Pulliam	Board Clerk

Others Present:

Melissa Michaud, Board Attorney. Also in attendance were Nicole Rea, Bob Wede, Rodney Shotwell, and Kevin Utsey from the Program Services Team.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Freda Tillman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Margaret Bradsher led a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

II. DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA:

A. No adjustments were made to the agenda.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Superintendent's Reports

- [Revisions to the 2025-2026 School Calendar](#): Lori Stacey, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented proposed calendar revisions for the 2025–26 academic year. Two options were considered: **Option 1** extended each school day by 10 minutes from April 13 to May 21, with May 22 remaining an early release day; **Option 2** made May 22 a full instructional day and designated May 26 as the final student day. Survey results indicated a preference for Option 1. **The Board selected Option 1, which implements a 10-minute extension at the conclusion of each school day.** Margaret Bradsher made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Jason Torian seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.
- [Person County Schools 2030 Facility Plan Options](#): Dr. Rodney Peterson, Superintendent, along with the Program Services Team: Nicole Rea, Bob Wede, Rodney Shotwell, and Kevin

Utsey, presented the Person County Schools 2030 Facility Plan options for information only. The team outlined recommendations and strategies to address current enrollment, capacity needs, and necessary facility upgrades. Three concepts were presented: scenarios for consolidating middle schools and the possibility of building a new middle school. Option 1 proposes consolidation at Southern Middle School (SMS), with Northern Middle School (NMS) converted into a renovated elementary school. Option 2 proposes consolidation at NMS, with SMS converted into a renovated elementary school. Option 3 includes constructing a new middle school, along with renovations to both NMS and SMS to be used as elementary schools.

IV. Adjournment

Margaret Bradsher made a motion to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting. Harriett Tillett seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against. The meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Attachments:

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