

Person County Board of Education
Work Session & Regular Session Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: April 16, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.

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
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
Denise	Pollock	Director, Career and Technical Education
Joey	Warren	Executive Director, Elementary Education, School Improvement, Federal Programs
Kelli	Kiser	Executive Director of Accountability and Curriculum Support
Jason	Clayton	Director of Technology
Michelle	Honeycutt	Director of Educator Support Services & Licensure
Erin	Hill	Director of Marketing and Engagement
Candice	Pulliam	Board Clerk

Others Present:

Melissa Michaud, Board Attorney

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Freda Tillman called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Jason Torian led a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public Hearing on the FY 2026-27 Local Budget Request: Harriett Tillett moved to open the public hearing concerning the fiscal year 2026-27 budget request. No members of the public were present or registered to participate. Margaret Bradsher motioned to adjourn the public hearing, with Harriett Tillett seconding the motion.

III. WORK SESSION:

1. [2026 - 2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule](#): Dr. Rodney Peterson, the Superintendent, outlined the proposed schedule for the 2026–27 Board of Education meetings and requested feedback from the board. The schedule follows the same structure, with meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M., unless otherwise noted.
2. [PCS2030 Strategic/Facility Plan Update](#): Dr. Rodney Peterson, Superintendent, thoroughly reviewed the 2030 Strategic/Facility Plan and briefed the board on recent Program Services proposals outlining three strategies to address enrollment, capacity, and facility needs. Building a new middle school is the best approach to support growth, or a phased plan that divides current needs into multiple stages. He detailed

his recommendations for the next steps to ensure an informed decision. He emphasized the importance of securing additional seats to accommodate the growing student population and suggested scheduling a work session with the County Commissioners to proactively address needs and concerns.

3. [Finance Updates](#): Julie Masten, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, presented the expense report covering July 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, to update the board on the current financial standings.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. There were no public comments.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. [Approval of March 12, 2026, Regular Session Meeting Minutes](#): Margaret Bradsher made a motion to accept the March 12, 2026, board meeting minutes as presented. Jason Torian seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.
2. [Approval of March 31, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes](#): Harriett Tillett made a motion to accept the March 31, 2026, board meeting minutes as presented. Margaret Bradsher seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.

VI. DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA:

1. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

VII. PRIDE IN PERSON

1. [Pride in Person Recognitions](#): The Rockets Care Team was recognized for their dedicated support since 2019 in assisting students at Person High School, Person Early College, and Person County Learning Academy through weekend and holiday food distributions, made possible by the generosity and commitment of community donors. The following individuals were recognized: Barbara Snyder, Jack Snyder, Janice King, Pam Brooks, Melinda Chambers, Margaret Bradsher, Vicki Oakley, Faye Collie, Dianne Gallimore, Dana Heerick, Cheryl Hughes, and Frances Powell.



VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Superintendent's Reports

1. [North End Elementary Property](#): Dr. Rodney Peterson, Superintendent, made a recommendation to the board for approval of the purchase of North End Elementary School from the County for \$100, following the completion of the County's installment financing contract, in accordance with the lease agreement. Margaret Bradsher made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Harriett Tillett seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.
2. [2026 - 2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule](#): Dr. Rodney Peterson, Superintendent, recommended approving the board meeting schedule for 2026-27 as presented. Phillip Gillis made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Harriett Tillett seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.
3. PCS2030 Strategic/Facility Plan Update: Dr. Rodney Peterson recommended to the Board that they proceed with determining the next steps and selecting an option for the 2030 Facility Plan. Harriett Tillett moved to approve **Option 3**: Building a new middle school. Phillip Gillis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.

B. Administrative Services

1. [Approval of School Furniture at South Elementary](#): Superintendent Dr. Rodney Peterson recommended that the board approve the replacement of student desks/chairs, teacher desks and chairs, and activity tables at South Elementary. The total financial impact is \$193,939.99. 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.

C. Curriculum, Instruction, and Accountability

1. [ELA Curriculum Adoption](#): Tara Holmes, Chief Academic Officer, recommended that the board approve the 3-8 ELA Great Minds Contract, which entails a three-year commitment and a total cost of \$439,274.27. Harriett Tillett 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.

D. Financial Services

1. [Local Budget Request Approval FY 2026-27](#): Assistant Superintendent of Finance Julie Masten presented a recommendation to the board for approval of the local budget request for Fiscal Year 2026-27. Harriett Tillett made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Phillip Gillis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.

The Board paused for a 10-minute break, beginning at 5:11 P.M. and resuming at 5:21 P.M.

IX. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Dr. Rodney Peterson, the Superintendent, recommended that the Board enter into a Closed Session to consult with the Board's attorney and preserve attorney-client privilege to consider confidential personnel information, and to consider confidential student information pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (1), G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3), and G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6)

and as protected by G.S. 115C-319, G.S. 115C-402, and the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g. Harriett Tillet made a motion to enter into a Closed Session. Phillip Gillis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.

The Board entered into a closed session at 5:32 P.M.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:07 P.M.

X. Administrative Reports and Recommendations

E. 1. A. - B. Dr. Rodney Peterson, Superintendent, recommended approval of consent items. Harriett Tillet made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Phillip Gillis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against.

Administrative Personnel

Name	Assignment	Location	Date
Carla Murray	Chief Human Resources Officer	Central Services	2026-2028

Certified Personnel

Name	Contract	Assignment	Location	Date
McLean, Kayla	Terminating	Teacher	North End	8/4/2026-5/31/2027
Carver, Tavares	Terminating	Teacher	Person	8/4/2026-5/31/2027
Montoya, Cristhiam	One Year	Dual Language Teacher	Northern	2026-2027
Beshears, Skyler	One Year	Teacher	Person	2026-2027
Lechette, Cynthia	One Year	EC Teacher	Northern	2026-2027
Oakley, Zane	Terminating	Teacher	Helena	12/14/2026-5/31/2027
Williammee, Jamie	Returning Retiree	Teacher	Helena	8/4/2026-11/20/2026

Classified Personnel

Name	Assignment	Location	Date
Copley, Amy	Tutor	Helena	3/25/2026-5/29/2026
Martinez, Yuliya	Office Support	Helena	8/1/2026

Contracted Services, Extra Duties

Name	Contract	Assignment	Location	Dates
Hopper, Stephanie	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Clayton, Caroline	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Davis, Jennifer	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Harrelson, Earl	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Briggs, Carrie	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Fifield, Lucas	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Dunkley, Jennifer	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Panther, Jodi Ann	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Henry-Jones, Demeisha	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Phillips, Angie	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Moore-Williams, Setoria	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Davis, Carly	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Pritchett, Elisa	Temporary	Teacher/Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026-7/2/2026
Pergerson, Cindy	Temporary	Sub Teacher	South	6/3/2026-

		/Summer Reading Camp		7/2/2026
Carver, Christy	Temporary	Sub Teacher /Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026- 7/2/2026
Powell, Tina	Temporary	Sub Teacher /Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026- 7/2/2026
Tima-an, Marianne	Temporary	Sub Teacher /Summer Reading Camp	South	6/3/2026- 7/2/2026
Harris, Amanda	Extra Duties	Tutoring	Woodland	4/14/2026-5/15 /2026
Davis, Jennifer	Extra Duties	Tutoring	Woodland	4/14/2026-5/15 /2026

Certified Personnel/Teacher Contract List

Name	Term of Contract: 1, 2, or 4 Years	Location	Date
Michelle Aguirre	1	South	2026-2027
Alf-Paul Aruna	4	Itinerant	2026-2030
Katie Austin	4	Northern	2026-2030
Sherry Bailey-Short	4	Southern	2026-2030
Reylaine Baldon	1	Person	2026-2027
Jodefelyn Ballon	1	Person	2026-2027
Abril Daniella Barcelata	2	South	2026-2028
Carmen Lorena Benavides	2	South	2026-2028
Erin Bonnette	4	Stories Creek	2026-2030
Allison Bowes	4	Northern	2026-2030
Ornetta Bradsher	4	Earl Bradsher	2026-2030
Baylee Burton	1	Oak Lane	2026-2027
Kaelvin Callo	1	Northern	2026-2027

Tamra Carpenter	4	Itinerant	2026-2030
Casey Nichols	2	Person	2026-2028
Sandra Patricia Castro	2	Northern	2026-2028
Amanda Coats	4	Stories Creek	2026-2030
Deborah Coleman	2	PCLA	2026-2028
Chelsea Culver	4	Stories Creek	2026-2030
Melissa Currier	4	Helena	2026-2030
Deon Blake Daley	1	South	2026-2027
Carly Davis	1	Woodland	2026-2027
Renise Davis	1	North End	2026-2027
Stacey Davis	4	Stories Creek	2026-2030
Tricia Dealagdon	1	Northern	2026-2027
Katherine DeLong	1	Person	2026-2027
Dequane Clemons	2	Person	2026-2028
Deborah Coleman	2	Person	2026-2028
Flordeliza Domingo	1	Person	2026-2027
Hailey Druckenmiller	1	Helena	2026-2027
Elizabeth Everidge	4	PCSVA	2026-2030
Ana Maria Fernandez	2	South	2026-2028
Katherine Field	2	Person	2026-2028
Amanda Frazier	4	Stories Creek	2026-2030
Kayla Gatewood	4	Northern	2026-2030
Jenny Gil	2	South	2026-2028
Laura Grinstead	4	Stories Creek	2026-2030
Sarah Guerra	1	Woodland	2026-2027
Ericka Hall	4	PCSVA	2026-2030
Amanda Hargis	4	Itinerant	2026-2030
Sharon Harris	4	Southern	2026-2030
Pamela Heflin	1	Northern	2026-2027
Lisa Henderson	4	Early Intervention	2026-2030
Donna Hendry	1	Helena	2026-2027
Demeshia Henry	1	South	2026-2027
Jodi-Ann Henry-Panther	1	South	2026-2027
Chasity Horne	4	North End	2026-2030

Bernice Ignacio	1	Helena	2026-2027
Clarissa Jamison	1	Northern	2026-2027
Laura Jennings	4	Person	2026-2030
Martha Jimenez	1	South	2026-2027
Joanna Weaver	2	Earl Bradsher	2026-2028
Samantha Kelly	4	North End	2026-2030
Amanda Kendrick	4	Earl Bradsher	2026-2030
Lauren Kendrick	1	Oak Lane	2026-2027
Suzanna LoMagno	2	Northern	2026-2028
Jesse Mattos	4	Person	2026-2030
Jeffrey McClure	1	Person	2026-2027
Sharlene McDonald	2	Southern	2026-2028
Atara Akila Newton-Bentham	2	Southern	2026-2028
Rocio Isabel Noriega	2	Woodland	2026-2028
Adriana Paredes	1	Person	2026-2027
Kelly Pearce	4	Southern	2026-2030
Tonya Peterson	4	Itinerant	2026-2030
Rojon Pettiford	2	Early Intervention	2026-2028
Laura Pryor	4	Helena/South	2026-2030
Daniel Ramirez	1	Person	2026-2027
Rebecca Hatfield	1	South	2026-2027
Lindsay Reightler	1	Helena	2026-2027
Abby Rinehard	1	Stories Creek	2026-2027
Lady Stephanie Robles	2	Woodland	2026-2028
Nelson Rodriguez	1	Woodland	2026-2027
James Ruiz	2	PECIL	2026-2028
Cleofie Salvoro	1	Northern	2026-2027
Maddie Scott	1	Person	2026-2027
Sara Scott	4	Helena	2026-2030
Cindy Segura	1	Woodland	2026-2027
Sheila Gentry	2	Person	2026-2028
Madison Singleton	1	South	2026-2027
Jacqueline Stoebr	1	Northern	2026-2027

La Abrasaldo Tangin	1	Person	2026-2027
Marianne Aurora Tima-an	1	South	2026-2027
Eric Twene	1	Person	2026-2027
Normaliza Valenzuela	1	Northern	2026-2027
Tania Vives	4	Person	2026-2030
Jissel Wagas	1	Southern	2026-2027
Natalia Wesley	4	Itinerant	2026-2030
Lindsay Wilkins	4	PCSVA	2026-2030
Holly Williams	4	Itinerant	2026-2030
Yourlinda Woods	4	Earl Bradsher	2026-2030
Chealsea Zimmerman	4	Oak Lane	2026-2030

XI. Adjournment:

Margaret Bradsher made a motion to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting. Phillip Gillis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and 0 against. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Attachments:

Live Stream to the April 16, 2026, PCS Board Meeting - [Linked Here](#)

Freda Tillman, Board Chair

Dr. Rodney Peterson, Secretary