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Board: Teachers don't have to obey DNR

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The school board unanimously adopted a policy Monday night stating school personnel—including nurses at the county's four schools—will not be required to honor do not resuscitate orders.

The board adopted the policy during its regular monthly meeting.

Under the new policy, responsibility for implementing a DNR order will fall to emergency medical personnel responding to the school.

The policy states that a student's parent or guardian may provide to the school's principal a com-

pleted DNR order for their child signed by a medical doctor, or a Medical Order for Scope of Treatment (MOST), or both.

"In this situation the official document will be kept on the student's person while under the supervision of school personnel," the policy reads. "A team consisting of, but not limited to, the school nurse (lic-

ensed registered nurse), parent/guardian, and other appropriate school personnel ... will create/review the student's individual health care plan."

The policy goes on to say that the student's health care plan will include a statement that the provided DNR and/or MOST

form will not be honored by school staff in the event that the student is in a cardiac or pulmonary arrest situation, "but rather provided to emergency medical services personnel when they arrive on the scene (in case of) a medical emergency."

A copy of the health care plan will be provided to

the parent or guardian, the policy states, and a copy will also be maintained in the student's health record.

School board member Jean Bunch, a registered nurse, assisted school personnel by reviewing and making suggestions to the draft policy developed by school system personnel.

LIFESAVING TRAINING



Firefighters assist an injured man in simulated emergency training exercises that focused on potential farm-related accidents on Sunday afternoon at C.A. Perry and Son.



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Firefighters and members of the Rocky Hock Rescue Squad work together to free a person whose foot is stuck during training exercises this past weekend. Instructors and organizers said that learning teamwork that would carry over into emergency situations was one of the key elements of the training that took place at C.A. Perry and Son over the weekend.

First responders practice skills for farm emergencies

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department and other area emergency responders spent the weekend learning skills that could save a life in a farm or agribusiness emergency.

Thirty-six area firefighters and emergency medical technicians took part in training exercises over the weekend in Chowan County at C.A. Perry and Son.

The majority of the trainees were young firefighters

and EMTs from Chowan County with the Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department, Edenton Fire Department and Rocky Hock Rescue Squad taking part in the training exercises that simulated farm-related accidents.

Other firefighters were from Belvidere, Elizabeth City and Sunbury.

Elizabeth City firefighter Walter Copeland, who helped supervise the training exercises, said that most of the scenarios were based on real events.

"Most of the scenarios we are practicing have happened, such as the five men who got trapped in a grain bin in Camden County last year," Copeland said.

Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Chief Mike Hamilton, who has been a firefighter for 25 years, said the purpose of the training is to prepare firefighters—especially younger, less experienced ones—for dealing effectively with real life emergency situations they could encounter.

"It gives them a sense of

what they might run into," Hamilton said.

Hamilton added that the sessions that began Friday evening and continued through Sunday afternoon also allowed participants to use tools they may not have used before and to learn the value of teamwork.

Hamilton said the weekend's sessions began with some classroom work followed by training sessions. The final step, he said, would be a written test.

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Saturday attendance low, learning stays on agenda

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Editor

Attendance at the Edenton-Chowan Schools rare Saturday session this past weekend was predictably below average daily attendance.

Officials with Edenton-Chowan Schools reported that average attendance is between 90-95 percent at each school on a daily basis.

In contrast, Saturday's attendance was 73 percent at White Oak, 70 percent at John A. Holmes, 68 percent at D.F. Walker and 65 percent at Chowan Middle School.

White Oak Elementary School managed to beat the low attendance trend somewhat through a "pajama day" event in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday week.

"It was a really good day," said White Oak Principal Michelle White.

The school had a productive day while trying to make it extra fun for the kids with a "happy Saturday dance" and the pajama day celebration, according to White.

The school had its literacy block as usual, she said.

The school probably had better attendance than it might have had otherwise because students were excited about the pajama day, White said.

On Friday's "Cubby TV" broadcast at the school,

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Rachel Ward, who teaches freshman science at John A. Holmes High School, goes over a lesson with student Whitney Pierce during the last class period of the day on Saturday.

Solar projects planned in Perquimans County

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being 155 acres.

That's small compared to the potential footprint of the wind farms that have been proposed.

The same company that first proposed building a 100-acre solar power project in Perquimans County more than three years ago was back before the county planning board this week to ask for conditional use permits for two more.

Solar Green LLC's original project was off U.S. 17 near the Perquimans-Chowan County line.

One of the ones being reviewed was in Winfall and the other was a 92-acre site near County Line Road and south of Drinking Hole Road.

The Winfall board held a public hearing Monday. Additionally, the county planning board met Tuesday night.

The county has already approved three other solar projects, including the original. Combined the five solar projects would cover 527 acres, the largest of which

A second wind farm has been proposed on the other side of the county. Apex Clean Energy, Inc. has proposed a 10,000-acre facility that straddles both Perquimans and Chowan counties. Eighty percent of the project is in Perquimans. That plan has been reviewed by Chowan County officials but has yet to go before the Perquimans County Commission. Perquimans has a zoning ordinance that would allow structures of that size, while Chowan does not.

At this point none of the renewable energy projects

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Howard sworn in at county meeting

BY REGGIE PONDER
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County Manager Kevin Howard took the oath of office last week at a meeting of the county commissioners that had been rescheduled because of inclement weather.

Howard, whose first day as Chowan's county manager was March 3, had been slated to be sworn in at the March 3 meeting of the Chowan County Board of

Commissioners. But a brief episode of wintry weather caused the March 3 meeting to be rescheduled to March 5.

At the commissioners' March 5 meeting, Howard took the oath of office with little ceremony shortly after the meeting began.

Susanne Stallings, clerk to the board of commissioners, administered the oath of office to Howard.

The board and staff then went to work discussing budget amendments, repair projects and other county business.

An informal reception at the county's Public Safety Building on the afternoon

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Susanne Stallings, clerk to the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, administers the oath of office to County Manager Kevin Howard during the commissioners' meeting on March 5.

