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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting – Commons Meeting Room
January 7, 2014

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Commons Meeting Room located at 1000 North First Street.

Attendance: Board members in attendance were, Jeff Chance, Melvin Poole, Mike Barbee, Dr. Angela Mills, Vicky Watson, Lonnie Chandler, Mitzie Almond, Tracy Lowder, and Todd Swaringen. Others in attendance included Superintendent Terry Griffin, Assistant Superintendent Sandra Carter, Director of Finance and Auxiliary Services Bill Josey, and Board Attorney Mark Lowder.

Chairman Jeff Chance called the meeting to order. Mitzie Almond gave the invocation.

Chairman Jeff Chance introduced Todd Swaringen as the newest Board member.

Recognition of the City of Locust: Dr. Griffin recognized the City of Locust for their donation of a police car to support the Stanly County Schools resource officer program. A Certificate of Appreciation was accepted by Roger Hypes, member of the Locust City Council, Tim Fesperman, City Administrator, and Scott Efird, Director of Planning and Zoning. Sheriff Rick Burris was not in attendance this evening to accept his Certificate of Appreciation for his support to Stanly County Schools. Sherriff Burris' certificate will be mailed.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 3, 2013 regular meeting will be approved with corrections at the next scheduled meeting.

Committee Reports: Chairman Jeff Chance called for committee reports as follows:

Instructional Program – Dr. Angela Mills – No report.

Facilities – Mike Barbee – No report.

Finance – Mitzie Almond – No report.

Personnel – Lonnie Chandler informed the board he attended the stake holder committee meeting on Tuesday, December 16 to discuss changes in teacher tenure, and to work on a final draft rubric which will be used. Committee representatives will be composed of one representative from each school from the School Improvement Team, Director, and NCAE/PENC representatives. Mr. Chandler discussed categories, and points system used in the teacher surveys that will assist in making the final rubric that will be presented at the next board meeting.

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Thank you to personnel, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Carter, Vicki Calvert, IT department, and Technology were given for coming up with 25% number without much guidance given.

Policy – Melvin Poole presented 4 policies, which have been tabled for thirty days, for final approval. As recommended by the Policy Committee after discussions the following policies were approved:

- New Policy (number will be assigned) Weapons and Explosives Prohibited.
- Policy # 1080 Agenda
- Policy # 3155 Student Promotion and Accountability
- Policy # 8005 Network Security

Legislative Resource Network (LRN) – Dr. Griffin – No report.

2012-2013 Audit Report: Mr. Lin Rives from Rives and Associates presented the annual audit report for year ending June 30, 2013. The system received an *unmodified* audit. The audit did have three findings which were discussed with board members. Key issue was the decrease in findings from last audit.

NCSBA Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 402, Voucher Legislation: Dr. Terry Griffin briefed the board regarding the 2013 legislative session concerning Senate Bill 402 section 8.29. The legislation speaks about school vouchers concerning opportunity scholarships that will be effective beginning the 2014 school year. Eligibility requirements were discussed as well as a brief discussion on impact on funding for public education. Chairman Jeff Chance called a vote to join the resolution. By a show of hands the motion carries. Melvin Poole and Mike Barbee voted in opposition.

Career Academy: Dr. Sandra Carter reviewed information on proposal given during the December meeting on the Career Academy of Stanly County Learning Center. On a motion by Lonnie Chandler second by Melvin Poole motion carries.

Foundation Donation: Dr. Terry Griffin received notification through the Foundation of the Carolinas of an anonymous donation of \$50,000 to Stanly County Schools to be used for the purpose of a seed grant for establishing a foundation to support instructional projects. Dr. Terry Griffin recommended an Ad hoc committee with a representation from the Board of Education to put together a foundation proposal to bring back to the board. Melvin Poole recommended the Finance chair, Mitzie Almond. Mitzie Almond and Vicky Watson volunteered services.

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Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. Carter presented for information only the following change in the day treatment program at Albemarle Middle School. Notification was given in December that Monarch will no longer be able to assist. Alexander Youth Network has agreed to partner with Stanly County Schools to take over the mental health component of the program. No change in services or charges to Stanly County Schools.

Personnel, Administration, and Student Services: Dr. Carter presented the personnel agenda as follows:

SECTION I - Personnel Matters (No action required) – The following items were provided for information: (A) Certified Resignation; (B) Classified Resignations; (C) Recommendation for Certified Reassignment; (D) Recommendation for Classified Reassignment; and (E) High School Coaches.

SECTION II - Personnel Matters (Action required)

On a motion by Melvin Poole and second by Vicki Watson, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (A) Recommendation for Certified Employment. (B) Recommendation for Classified Employment; (C) Recommendation for Bus Substitute; (D) Recommendation for Office Substitute; (E) Recommendation for Teacher Substitute; and (F) Recommendation for Contracted Services.

Finance and Auxiliary Services: Bill Josey asked for direction from the board, concerning the change in policy 2010 community use of school facilities, on how to evaluate MOU requests at the administrative level prior to bringing requests to the board. Mr. Josey suggested a summarized list be presented in closed session. Chairman Jeff Chance would like to move forward with Mr. Josey suggestion and address those with the most immediate needs first, and refer back to the policy committee if needed.

Bill Josey updated the board on the secured access control in high schools. Mr. Todd Bowers has evaluated each high school and they are ready to write specifications of the bid. Mr. Josey expects procedures to be done by the end of the month. Bids plan to be ready the first of February.

Art Whittaker briefed the board on two initiatives. Propane bus will be picked up on January 14. Mr. Whittaker plans to conduct an analysis from information collected at a later time. Mr. Whittaker informed the board of new student safety equipment Fortress system software. Along with a handout given to the board members, Mr.

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Whittaker described how the new software will work. A brief discussion of a reimbursement program offered through the state at no cost to the school system if they updated the software on all buses.

Public Comments: James Policastro reminded board members on studies done about our budget, and encouraged board members to read those studies so Stanly County Schools can run more efficiently.

Superintendent Comments: Dr. Griffin thanked maintenance, custodial staff, bus drivers, and the transportation department for their help ensuring that students got to school safety, and on time. Students will operate on a 2 hour delay tomorrow as well due to the cold temperature.

Board Member Comments: Board member comments included thank you to the City of Locust for the donations made as well as welcoming Todd Swaringen. Vicky Watson shared on presentations of Graduations Projects. Mitzie Almond thanked Mr. Policastro for his comments. Lonnie Chandle on Christmas around the world the students displayed at AMS in December.

Next Board Meeting: The next regular monthly meeting will be February 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Stanly Commons Meeting Room.

Closed Session for Student Matters and Attorney-Client Matters: On a motion by Melvin Poole and second by Vicky Watson the Board entered into closed session at 8:18 PM for the purpose of discussing student matters in accordance with NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1), personnel matters in accordance with NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6), and attorney-client matters in accordance with NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3).

Board members reconvened in open session at 8:50 PM.

On a motion by Melvin Poole and second by Mike Barbee the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Chance, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary