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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting – Commons Meeting Room
January 8, 2013

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Commons Meeting Room located at 1000 North First Street.

Attendance: Board members in attendance were Melvin Poole, Jeff Chance, Grant Allen, Mike Barbee, Angela Mills, Vicky Watson, Lonnie Chandler, Mitzie Almond, and Tracy Lowder. 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 Melvin Poole called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 27, 2012 special meeting and the December 4, 2012 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Committee Reports: Chairman Melvin Poole called for committee reports as follows:

Instructional Program – Angela Mills— No report but the committee will be meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm.

Facilities – Grant Allen—No report but the committee will be meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Finance – Mike Barbee—No Report

Personnel – Vicky Watson—No Report

Policy – Jeff Chance—No report but the committee will be meeting tomorrow evening at 5:30 pm.

Legislative Resource Network – Dr. Griffin reminded members that the 2013-2014 legislative session would convene for legislative business on January 30, 2013. Dr. Griffin suggested that members keep abreast of legislative acts in reference to virtual charter schools, as well as matters on school performance grade issues, and vouchers and tuition tax credits.

Board Member Work Session: A Board Work Session will be held on January 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Central Office. Chairman Poole asked that members forward any requests they would like to see on the agenda to either Dr. Griffin or himself. Dr. Griffin gave members the book, “ Key Work of School Boards” , which will be used during the work session. Dr. Griffin also reviewed a draft agenda that she was recommending for the upcoming work session.

2013-2014 School Calendar: The 2013-2014 school calendars for Stanly Early College and the traditional calendar were given to members for any questions they might have. A calendar for 180 days and 185 days was being considered but Dr. Griffin felt the 180

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calendar would be the one they would recommend for final approval. Mr. Barbee stated that a couple of teachers had contacted him, in reference to professional days scheduled for November 5th and November 27th, asking if those days could be moved to October 31st and November 1st, which would be at the end of the quarter and give time for them to prepare grades and have conferences. After some discussion Dr. Griffin stated that the calendar committee could look at these suggestions as they will also be meeting again to make some of the professional days on the calendar sheltered days. A finalized recommended calendar would be presented for Board approval at the February Board meeting.

Instructional Services: Dr. Sandra Carter reported that 345 senior projects were presented and successfully completed during the first semester. Combined with those completed since 2009 this totals 2212 seniors that have completed high school senior projects and zero have failed to graduate due to not completing a senior project. Dr. Carter also reported that 155 judges from the community were represented this semester.

Finance and Auxiliary Services: Bill Josey—No Report.

Personnel 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 Resignations and (B) Classified Resignations

SECTION II - Personnel Matters (Action required) – On a motion by Mitzie Almond and second by Grant Allen, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (A) Recommendation for Certified Employment; (B) Recommendation for Classified Employment; (C) Recommendation for Teacher Substitute; (D) Recommendation for Food Service Substitute; (E) Recommendation for Custodian Substitute; (F) Recommendation for Title I Tutor. Jeff Chance abstained from voting.

Public Comments: James Policastro spoke encouraging new members to read the current redistricting study which he felt they owed to the children in Stanly County.

Teresa Crump gave comments on the beginning of 2013 and the start of a new year.

Superintendent Comments: Dr. Griffin shared that notification had been received in reference to the following teachers successfully renewing their National Board Certification: Tracy Almond Gaddy, Melody Dutton, Amber Gibson Speight, Aza Hudson, Mark Rowles, April Simpson, and Lisa Upright. Dr. Griffin offered her congratulations to those staff members and stated that they will be formally recognized at the February 2013 regular board meeting. Dr. Griffin reported that the early college had begun the second semester and traditional high school exams would begin Friday January 11th with four exam days. Dr. Griffin then referred members to a publication they were given published by the North Carolina Association of Compensatory Educators, which recognized Norwood Elementary for their annual K-2 Fairy Tale Ball, “Magical Math Mysteries”. Finally, Dr.

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Griffin recognized Chairman Melvin Poole and Board Member Mike Barbee with a certificate from the NC School Boards Association for their hours of training during the last year. Dr. Griffin also recognized the four newly elected members for their attendance of training at the NC School Boards Association for the past two days.

Board Member Comments: Board member comments included congratulations to those teachers who had just received renewal of their National Board Certification.

Next Board Meeting: The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting would be held February 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Commons Meeting Room.

Closed Session for Student Matters and Attorney-Client Matters: On a motion by Jeff Chance and second by Vicky Watson, the Board entered into closed session at 7:40 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 8:25 PM.

On a motion by Mike Barbee and second by Vicky Watson, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin Poole, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary