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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting – Commons Meeting Room
December 3, 2013

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, November 5, 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, Mike Barbee, Dr. 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.

Superintendent Dr. Terry Griffin called the meeting to order. Vicky Watson gave the invocation.

Election of the Chairperson: With Superintendent Griffin presiding, the floor was opened for nominations for Chairperson. Vicky Watson made a motion, seconded by Mike Barbee to nominate Melvin Poole. Mitzie Almond made a motion, seconded by Lonnie Chandler, to nominate Jeff Chance. Mike Barbee made a motion, seconded by Tracy Lowder, to nominate Dr. Angela Mills. On a motion by Mitzie Almond, seconded by Vicky Watson, the nominations were closed. Melvin Poole requested that if there were no objections that members vote by written ballot. With no objections heard, members cast their votes by written ballot. Results were as noted Dr. Angela Mills, Tracy Lowder, Lonnie Chandler, Jeff Chance, Mitzi Almond voted for Jeff Chance. Vicky Watson, Mike Barbee, Melvin Poole voted for Melvin Poole.

Election of the Vice Chairperson: Chairman Jeff Chance opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. A motion was made by Lonnie Chandler to nominate Dr. Angela Mills, and the motion was seconded by Melvin Poole. On a motion by Mike Barbee and second by Tracy Lowder, the nominations were closed and Dr. Angela Mills was elected vice chairperson by acclamation.

Requests to Address the Board: Butch Lambert spoke to members about opening up Ridgecrest School to be an agricultural charter or magnet school. Members were given a packet of information to take and look over in regards to this idea. Board members took the opportunity to ask any questions they might have. Mr. Poole asked that staff, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Carter and Mr. Josey, sit down and come up with a rough figure on costs and that maybe in a future work session this item could be on the agenda for the Board to discuss and delve further into.

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Amy Phibbs, Pregnancy Resource Center of Stanly County, spoke to members about the resource center and the services they are able to provide. Ms. Phibbs wanted the school system to view the PRC as a valuable resource and invited all members to come by the facility for a tour.

Recognition of Staff: Principal of the Year- Dr. Griffin announced that Shawn Britt, principal at SSHS, was selected as the 2013/2014 Principal of the Year and he was presented with a certificate.

National Board Certification Renewal- The following teachers were recognized for recently achieving National Board Certification Renewal:

Teresa Crump- Stanly Early College High School
Betsy Furr- Central Elementary
Kathy High- West Stanly High School
Kerri Huffman- North Stanly High School
Melisa Isenhour- South Stanly Middle School
Rosemary Lovin- Albemarle High School
Amy Lowder- Locust Elementary School
Karen Morton- Stanfield Elementary School
Teresa Morton- Albemarle Middle School
Jennifer Nahrgang- West Stanly Middle School
Paige Parker- Stanfield Elementary School
Isaac Russell- Richfield Elementary School
Jennifer Yow- Locust Elementary School

Professional Energy Manager Certification- Dr. Griffin recognized Todd Bowers, Director of Maintenance, for his recent achievement of receiving Professional Energy Manager Certification.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 5, 2013 regular meeting and November 21, 2013 special meeting were approved as presented.

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

Instructional Program – Dr. Angela Mills – No Report.

Facilities – Jeff Chance – No report.

Finance – Mike Barbee – No Report.

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Personnel – Vicky Watson reported that the committee met prior to the start of tonight's meeting and heard about upcoming changes in tenure legislation. The committee also heard several personnel matters in closed session.

Policy – Jeff Chance presented the policies, which had been tabled for thirty days, for final approval. On a motion by Melvin Poole, seconded by Dr. Angela Mills, the Board approved the following policies:

- Policy #3175 Transcripts
- Policy #4195 Student Fees, Fines and Charges
- Policy #3140 Grading System/Report Cards
- Policy #4015 Student Assignment
- Policy #4025 Student Transfers
- Policy #3010 Mission Statement
- Policy #5620 Evaluation of the Superintendent

Mr. Chance also presented the following new and revised policies for first approval and they will be placed on the table for 30 days:

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

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

Vacant Board of Education Seat: Mr. Poole thought that they should see if anyone in that area was interested in the vacant seat for the remainder of the term. He also thought that an interview process of any person that applied would be a good idea. Dr. Angela Mills stated that she had a couple of people approach her about the seat and someone recently requested that he be considered for it. Dr. Angela Mills nominated Todd Swaringen to fill the vacant seat and Lonnie Chandler seconded the motion. Melvin Poole nominated Tommy Townsend for the vacant seat, seconded by Mike Barbee. On a motion by Mitzie Almond and second by Dr. Angela Mills the nominations were closed. After brief discussion Dr. Angela Mills called for the question. Members voted and results were four votes for Todd Swaringen and three votes for Tommy Townsend. Mr. Lowder stated that Mr. Swaringen would need to be sworn in and he suggested that this be done at the earliest date possible in the Central Office.

Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. Carter reported the following:

- Release of test scores- Members were given copies of the 2012 test scores. Scores remained consistent with those across the state. SCS met all three measurable objectives in Title III funding.
- High school exam schedule- High school exams for the regular high schools will be for five days beginning January 15th and ending January 22nd, 2014. Dr. Carter asked, that as in previous years, for the Board to consider

approving the following early release days for high schools and because of shared bussing middle schools also be allowed early release. The requested early release day for Stanly Early College High School would be on the last day of their testing, December 20, 2013. On a motion by Mitzie Almond and second by Tracy Lowder, the Board approved for Stanly Early College High School to have an early release day for December 20, 2013.

The requested early release day for regular high schools and middle schools would be January 22, 2014. On a motion by Dr. Angela Mills and second by Lonnie Chandler, the Board approved an early release day on January 22, 2014 for regular high schools and middle schools.

- Career Academy of Stanly Academy Learning Center- An outline was given of the Career Academy of Stanly Academy Learning Center. This program would provide an opportunity for students to graduate where current interventions aren't working. Members were asked to review the information and it will be brought back to them in January for hopeful approval.

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 Resignations; (B) Classified Resignations; (C) Classified Reassignment; and (D) High School Coaches.

SECTION II - Personnel Matters (Action required) – The following item was deferred to closed session for discussion: (A) Recommendation for Certified Employment.

On a motion by Melvin Poole and second by Mitzie Almond, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (B) Recommendation for Classified Employment; (C) Recommendation for Bus Substitute; (D) Recommendation for Custodial Substitute; (E) Recommendation for Child Nutrition Substitute; (F) Recommendation for Teacher Substitute; and (G) Recommendation for Contracted Services.

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Finance and Auxiliary Services: Bill Josey let members know they received an unqualified opinion with the audit. Auditors could not attend this evening but were planning to hopefully be at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Josey also updated members about the ongoing plans with New London Choice Middle School and the National Guard. Tomorrow at 10:00 am the County of Stanly is hosting all prospective architects to do a pre-bid walkthrough so the architects

can bid on the services for that building. The National Guard representatives will be present as well as Mr. Josey and Mr. Bowers who will help with the walkthrough.

Public Comments: Ronnie Michael, Mayor of Albemarle and Rex Todd with Landmark Development, gave members a quick overview of plans they have for the old Central School property if they are able to obtain it.

Superintendent Comments: Dr. Griffin stated she hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving break and with school being back in session good things were happening in our schools.

Board Member Comments: Board member comments included congratulations to those who were recognized this evening and also thanks to Mr. Poole for his work as Chairman of the Board the past year. Christmas wishes were also extended to everyone for the upcoming holiday.

Next Board Meeting: The next regular monthly meeting will be January 7, 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 Tracy Lowder the Board entered into closed session at 8:15 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 9:15 PM.

On a motion by Melvin Poole and second by Vicky Watson, the Board approved Section II (A) Recommendation for Certified Employment, of the Personnel Agenda.

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On a motion by Mitzie Almond and second by Tracy Lowder, the Board approved to accept the City of Albemarle's proposal provided that the Board of County Commissioners passes on right of first refusal. Melvin Poole and Mike Barbee voted in opposition.

On a motion by Mike Barbee and second by Tracy Lowder the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Chance, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary