

BOARD OF EDUCATION**Work Session – Stanly Regional Medical Center****February 1, 2014**

The Stanly County Board of Education met for a work session on Saturday, February 1, 2014, at 8:30 AM in the Family and Educational Center at Stanly Regional Hospital located at 301 Yadkin Street, Albemarle, NC 28001.

Attendance: Board members in attendance were Chairman Jeff Chance, Melvin Poole, Mitzie Almond, Mike Barbee, Angela Mills, Vicky Watson, Lonnie Chandler, Todd Swaringen, and Tracy Lowder. Others in attendance included Superintendent Dr. Terry Griffin, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sandra Carter, Chief Technology Officer Truett Preslar, Director of Transportation Art Whittaker, Director of Maintenance Todd Bowers, and Board Assistant Hope Miller.

Chairman Jeff Chance called the meeting to order, and did the invocation.

Chairman Jeff Chance turned the meeting over to Dr. Terry Griffin. Dr. Terry Griffin and staff presented a power point presentation on the district strategic plan as follows.

Future Ready Students – Dr. Sandra Carter discussed the 2012-2013 North Carolina Ready Initiative for students. DPI leads from our region will be hosting 6 intense professional development days for core area teachers from 4-12 grades. Sessions have also been conducted to look for best teaching practices using online resources. Other strategies in place include “The Data Team” pilot program, curriculum coaches, and district wide PLC conducted twice a year. Online courses provide students with multiple opportunities as well as Career and College promise courses through Stanly Community College. In development are transition fairs headed by Devron Furr that will be conducted in the four traditional high schools. Transition fairs will allow middle schools students to see what is available at the high school. We would like to mirror this in the middle schools for the rising 5th grades in the future as well. Mr. Truett Preslar gave an update on the status of the Chrome Books that are now at all four of the high schools. We are developing a plan for the middle schools. Mr. Truett Preslar then conducted an overview on the new state developed programs including; Powerschool, SchoolNet, Open Class, Parent Portal, and Google Apps.

21 Century Professionals – Dr. Sandra Carter shared the support that is offered to staff through a partnership with UNCC titled “first 3” for teachers. We also have an Aspiring Principals program and provide mentors for first year principals. Members discussed how to provide support for others that are interested in becoming administrators.

Healthy and Safe Students – Mr. Art Whittaker reported that 30% of schools have received their safety audits. The findings are entered into a google document and shared in monthly meeting with administrators regarding any concerns. All audits are expected to be complete by late spring. 35% of the school bus fleet is now equipped with on-board camera systems. An “active shooter drill” is being scheduled. A meeting will be held with local departments on February 7 to discuss details. Mr. Todd Bowers reported on the installation of security systems at each school. A budget analysis is conducted to determine which high school will be selected first. The Board had a brief discussion on how the card reader system will work and the possibilities offered with the system.

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Leadership for Innovation – Dr. Terry Griffin described the multiple communication and feedback strategies used with stakeholder groups including; a district wide newsletter distributed to all employees, video clips posted on the district website, brochures distributed in the community, School Messenger, email sent to users in conjunction with School Messengers, and 5 advisory groups (Students, Teachers, Classified, Parents, and Business). Dr. Sandra Carter discussed all administrators and central office directors have become more visible in the schools by setting a minimum amount of time they are required to be in the schools throughout the school year to promote open communication and collaboration.

21 Century Systems – Dr. Terry Griffin discussed the energy management plan. Mr. Truett Preslar followed with information on how Stanly County Schools has incorporated ways to go paperless by using Livebinders and Q drives to send information electronically on a secured network drive.

After the update on the district strategic plan the following items were discussed.

SCS Facility Update: Mr. Todd Bowers' presentation included updated information for each school in the following areas: roof and structural information, heating/AC types and efficiency, and safety. Discussions entailed age of equipment, modulars, options on how to improve some of the current safety concerns, as well as unfunded, mandated legislation for 2015-2016 school year concerning panic alarms.

SCS Budget Update – Dr. Terry Griffin provided the board with a budget update including Local Fund Balance and Capital Outlay Budget. Dr. Terry Griffin advised that Mr. Bill Josey would be at the next scheduled meeting to answer any questions they may have.

Exploratory Reassignment Plan –A copy of the redistricting study was provided to each member. Chairman Jeff Chance suggested that all Board members pull information they believe is feasible to discuss at a later time. Dr. Terry Griffin then gave a brief overview of the study.

On a motion from Melvin Poole and seconded by Tracy Lowder, the meeting was sent into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in accordance with NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) at 12:48 pm.

On a motion from Melvin Poole and seconded by Vicky Watson, the meeting went into open session at 1:38 pm.

Ridgecrest School – Vicky Watson voiced concerns of Ridgecrest becoming a charter school. A brief discussion followed.

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Agricultural Magnet School- Board members discussed options and concerns of a magnet school. Melvin Poole suggested that Dr. Terry Griffin first develop a survey to bring back to the board before proceeding forward.

On a motion by Mike Barbee and seconded by Tracy Lowder, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Chance, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary