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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting – Commons Meeting Room
February 4, 2014

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Commons Meeting Room located at 1000 North First Street.

Attendance: Board members in attendance were, Chairman 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 Dr. Terry Griffin, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sandra Carter, Director of Finance and Auxiliary Services Bill Josey, and Board Attorney Mark Lowder.

Chairman Jeff Chance called the meeting to order. Mike Barbee gave the invocation.

Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers: The following teachers were recognized for earning National Board Certification: Ms. Lauren Mauldin and Ms. Marlene Pratt.

Recognition from Habitat for Humanity: Cemita Gibbs and Jill Hatley presented plaques to AHS, NSHS, SSSHS, and WSHS CTE classes for their collaborative work and support of Habitat for Humanity.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 3, 2013, and January 7, 2014 regular minutes were approved as presented.

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 deferred the presentation to Dr. Terry Griffin. Dr. Terry Griffin discussed information used to create the 25% personnel rubric as directed by Senate Bill 402 section 9.6b. The Personnel Committee recommended that the Board support the rubric as presented to the Personnel Committee on January 29 regarding Senate Bill 402 section 9.6b.

Policy – Melvin Poole – No report

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

School Calendar: Dr. Terry Griffin presented the proposed 2014-2015 Traditional and Stanly Early College High School calendars. On a motion by Melvin Poole and seconded by Tracy Lowder the Board approved the calendars as recommended. (Copies of both calendars are attached to the minutes.)

Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. Sandra Carter updated the Board on upcoming events for Stanly County Schools:

- The 2013-2014 district science fair for elementary and middle schools are scheduled for February 6 at Stanly County Partnership for Children meeting room. Winners of the district science fair will advance the regional science fair on February 22 in Salisbury.
- The district spelling bee is scheduled for February 18 beginning at 1:00 PM at the Stanly Commons meeting room.
- Read to Achieve is state legislation for all third graders to pass reading proficiency before moving onto fourth grade. Several levels of proficiency are in place to assess student proficiency. We are currently in the process of planning the summer reading camp for students who do not meet proficiency by the end of the school year.

Personnel, Administration, and Student Services: Dr. Sandra 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)

The following items were deferred to closed session for discussions:

(B) Recommendation for Classified Termination; (C) Recommendation for Classified Employment.

On a motion by Todd Swaringen and seconded by Tracy Lowder, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (A) Recommendation for Certified Employment; (D) Recommendation for Bus 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 presented the following for information purpose only:

- School buses are on a replacement schedule through the State of North Carolina. This year we are scheduled to receive nine new buses at the value of around \$600,000.00 to replace 9% of the fleet. DPI offered \$2,000.00 per bus if Stanly County Schools waited a year to replace the buses. After reviewing the cost to maintain the oldest buses a decision was made to forgo the offer.
- DOT conducted a study concerning the stop light at WSHH. After field review, the sight distance to see the signal heads were determined to be more than adequate in that area. However, they agreed to install a near sight signal head to increase visibility for the right side turn lane.

Public Comments: James Policastro asked the board to start looking into next school year and asked they make equitable changes that in the best interest of our students.

Superintendent Comments: Dr. Griffin thanked all school staff and the transportation staff for getting our students home safely on the early release snow day. Dr. Griffin briefed the board that January 28 will count as a full day. Per the Traditional calendar:

- January 29 will be made up on February 17. The scheduled sheltered professional day will become an optional teacher work day on June 16.
- January 30 was deemed an optional teacher work day, and will be switched with March 31 for students.

Per the Early College calendar, the board will need to approve some changes at the next meeting concerning make up days for January 29, and 30. The next scheduled make up days for both calendars if inclement weather occurs are scheduled for Saturdays. Further action may need to be considered should that happen.

Board Member Comments: Board member comments included congratulations to the National Board Certified Teachers, as well as to the AMS boys' basketball team and WSMS girls' basketball team championships. Thank you to Habitat for Humanity for working with our CTE programs. The board held a very productive work session on Saturday February 1, 2014.

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

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Closed Session for Student Matters and Attorney-Client Matters: On a motion by Melvin Poole and seconded 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 8:36 PM.

On a motion by Dr. Angela Mills and seconded by Mike Barbee, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (C) Recommendation for Classified Employment.

On a motion by Mike Barbee and seconded by Melvin Poole, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Chance, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary