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Board Meeting – Commons Meeting Room
February 5, 2013

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, February 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, 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 Vicky Watson gave the invocation.

Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers: The following teachers were recognized for earning renewal of National Board Certification for this year 2012-2013: Tracy Gaddy, Melody Dutton, Aza Hudson, Mark Rowles, April Simpson, Amber Speight, and Lisa Upright.

The following were recognized for earning initial National Board Certification during the 2011-2012 school year: Jennifer Baucom, Angie Burlison, Shelly Eudy, and Emily Shaw.

2012 Audit Report, Rives & Associates: Lin Rives & Evan Rives, with Rives & Associates, presented the annual audit report for year ending June 2012. The system will receive an *unqualified audit*. The audit did have fourteen findings, which were gone over with members, but it was stressed that these findings had been corrected which allowed the *unqualified audit* to be given to the school system.

Mr. Chance suggested that the auditors come back for a future work session to address any questions that board members might have and as a follow up to the report given tonight.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 8, 2013 regular meeting were approved as presented.

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

Instructional Program – Dr. Angela Mills reported that the committee met on January 9, 2013. Dr. Griffin, Dr. Carter, and Georgia Harvey presented to the committee ideas on new and exciting curriculum offerings in the following areas: STEM, Health Care, Public Safety, Culinary, Performing Arts, AP & Honors Courses, and other high interest courses. This same presentation was given to the entire Board at the most recent work session. On a motion by Dr. Angela Mills and second by Lonnie Chandler, the Board approved to endorse for future planning by the administration, their work toward getting these programs in place to enhance our curriculum.

Facilities – Grant Allen deferred to Mr. Barbee who reported that the committee met on January 14, 2013. Agenda items included the following:

- Handicap elevator for NSHS. Mr. Bowers will continue to seek out bids for this.

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- Badin School- The HVAC system needs attention due to moisture issues. Mr. Bowers recommended to the committee that the HVAC upgrade originally planned for North Albemarle be diverted to Badin School and he also recommended the purchase of 10-12 dehumidifiers at the cost of \$300 each for Badin School. Mrs. Almond asked about the timing of the upgrade and how long the dehumidifiers would be needed prior to the upgrade. Mr. Barbee stated they would be used during the hotter times which is when the issues occur. As recommended by the Facilities Committee the board voted on approving the purchase of 10-12 dehumidifiers at the cost of approximately \$300 each. The motion failed 4-5 with Chairman Poole voting to break a tie. Jeff Chance, Vicky Watson, Mitzie Almond, Tracy Lowder, and Chairman Poole voted in opposition. Chairman Poole stated that this item would go back to the Facilities Committee for further discussion.
- The committee discussed and recommended the transfer of the basketball backboards at West Albemarle to Badin School. The Board voted and approved the transfer of the basketball backboards as recommended by the Facilities Committee.
- The need for the installation of Knox Rapid Entry Safety boxes at Richfield School, Stanfield School, and West Stanly High School was discussed. Michael Roark, Stanly County Fire Marshall, was present and gave board members an overview of what these safety boxes were and an explanation on why they were a requirement for these schools to have. On a motion by Jeff Chance and second by Mike Barbee, the Board approved the purchase of three Knox Safety Box units, at cost, for the three schools that qualify (Stanfield, Richfield, and WSHS).
- Discussion on the use of card entry systems to increase safety at our high schools was briefly discussed by the committee. Dr. Griffin stated that Brandon Deleeuw is investigating this issue for the committee to have more information for future discussion.

Tracy Lowder asked Mr. Barbee about the naming of the NSHS gym. No action was taken on the matter at the Facilities Meeting. Tommy Harkey was present and signed up to speak during Public Comments on this matter. Chairman Poole asked Mr. Harkey if he would like to speak now to give new members information he had shared prior before new Board members were seated. Mr. Harkey spoke of the desire for the NSHS gym to be named the LR Chandler gym after Coach Lonnie Chandler and he also gave some of the accolades of Coach Chandler. On a motion by Tracy Lowder and second by Mitzie Almond the Board approved to name the NSHS gym the LR Chandler gym. (Mr. Chandler asked to be recused from voting on this matter.)

Finance – Mike Barbee—No report

Personnel – Vicky Watson—No report but the committee will meet on February 18th at 4:00 pm.

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Policy – Jeff Chance reported that the committee met on January 9th and 28th, and he presented policies on first reading. The following policies would be tabled for thirty days and considered for final approval at the March meeting:

- # 6100 – Transportation
- # 4040 – Student Transportation
- # 4090 – Student Grievances
- New Policy #5036- Staff Responsibilities, Code of Ethics, and Standards Code of Conduct (which merges Policies #5030 & #5035)
- #4025 Student Transfers (was Intra District Transfers)

Mr. Chance informed members that the Policy Committee would continue to review and discuss Policy #2010 Community Schools for possible revisions.

Legislative Resource Network – Dr. Griffin let members know that lawmakers had recently reconvened at the end of January, mentioning several different House Bills that Board members should pay attention to. As a way of keeping informed Dr. Griffin encouraged members to check the state website for any happenings that may occur.

School Calendars: Dr. Griffin presented a revised 2012-2013 calendar for Stanly Early College High School. Due to finding, in the current approved calendar, that staff would be in attendance for 216 days and they are only paid for 215 days, the calendar had to be revised. The revision is concerning staff only and will make the last day for staff May 28, 2013 and it will remain as a regular Professional Day. On a motion by Angela Mills and second by Mitzie Almond the Board approved the revised 2012-2013 Stanly Early College Calendar as presented. (A copy of the revised calendar is attached to the minutes.)

Dr. Griffin presented the proposed 2013-2014 Traditional and Stanly Early College Calendars for approval. On a motion by Mike Barbee and second by Vicky Watson the Board approved the calendars as recommended. (Copies of both calendars are attached to the minutes.)

Stanly County Schools/Stanly Community College MOU for Stanly Early College High School: Dr. Griffin shared that in preparation for future discussions that may occur, a copy of the current MOU between Stanly County Schools and Stanly Community College for Stanly Early College, was given to members. She stated that SCC has indicated they would like to renegotiate some of the terms found in item 1.4 of the MOU and that she hoped common ground could be found to address any issues in future committee meetings.

Listing of Old Central School: On a motion by Jeff Chance and second by Tracy Lowder, the Board voted to approve for Board Attorney Mark Lowder to list the old Central School commercial property as soon as could possibly be done.

The New Strategic Plan: Dr. Griffin reported that she met with a steering committee to begin work on the new strategic plan. The format for the strategic plan will be committee based and invitations have been sent to various groups of people to serve on five

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subcommittees. Dr. Griffin will send further information to Board members in the weekly review.

Instructional Services: Dr. Carter provided members with a brief curriculum update. Currently we are in year two of a three year implementation plan of Common Core Essential Standards Curriculum, a component of the North Carolina Ready Initiative and part of this is assuring that ample training of staff continues. Using Race to the Top funds staff receive professional development in several ways such as webinars and onsite training. Dr. Carter reported they are continuing with curriculum mapping and teacher made benchmark assessments and that the March 28th Sheltered Professional Day will be the second of two district wide professional development days.

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; (B) Classified Resignations; and (C) Recommendation for Certified Reassignment.

SECTION II - Personnel Matters (Action required) – The following items were deferred to closed session for discussion: (A) Recommendation for Certified Employment and (H) Other.

On a motion by Grant Allen and second by Mitzie Almond, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (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 Tutors; and (G) Recommendation for Bus Substitute.

Finance and Auxiliary Services: Bill Josey presented the following items for consideration:

- 2012-2013 Budget Resolution #1: On a motion by Mitzie Almond and second by Angela Mills the Board approved the 2012-2013 Budget Resolution #1. (A copy of the Budget Resolution is attached to the minutes.)
- Surplus Items: Mr. Josey presented a list of surplus items to the Board for approval. On a motion by Jeff Chance and second by Vicky Watson, the Board approved the list of Surplus Items as presented. (A copy of the Surplus Items listing is attached to the minutes.)

Public Comments: Tommy Harkey thanked the board for the decision made this evening in reference to the naming of the gym at NSHS.

Teresa Crump spoke to members about technology in the classroom and encouraged members to think about increasing the budget for technology.

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Cindy Haymond- declined comments

Superintendent Comments: Dr. Griffin thanked parents and staff from all levels for teamwork in dismissing students in a 45 minute timeframe on the early release day, due to weather, on January 25th.

Board Member Comments: Board member comments included congratulations to teachers recognized for National Board Certification and to Mr. Chandler on the naming of the NSHS gym. Chairman Poole extended thanks to all bus drivers for the jobs they do each day for the students and school system.

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Poole announced that the Board would meet for a wrap up work session February 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Central Office Staff Development Room. The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting would be held March 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Commons Meeting Room.

Closed Session for Student Matters and Attorney-Client Matters: On a motion by Vicky Watson and second by Jeff Chance, the Board entered into closed session at 8:45 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 Mike Barbee and second by Grant Allen members approved Section II (A) Recommendation of Certified Employment of the personnel agenda and Section II (H) Other, minus the first item, of the personnel agenda.

On a motion by Mike Barbee and second by Vicky Watson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin Poole, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary