

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Board Meeting – Commons Meeting Room**  
**June 4, 2013**

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, June 4, 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, 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.

Chairman Melvin Poole called the meeting to order. Jeff Chance gave the invocation.

**Recognition of Students: Superintendent Students of the Year** – The following students were recognized as the 2012-2013 Superintendent’s Students of the Year:

Albemarle High – Jose Castaneda	Norwood – Tre Shun Sellars
Albemarle Middle – Jadea Emery	Oakboro – Camren Huneycutt
Aquadale – Colby Almond	Richfield – Roger Branson
Badin – Kevon McRae	South Stanly High – Austin Lane Smith
Central – Judson Mabe	South Stanly Middle – Brandon Aldridge
East Albemarle – Kellyn Combs	Stanfield – Kelsey Morris
Endy – Abran Hernandez	Stanly Academy – Myshia Dunlap
Locust – Mia Barbee	Stanly Early College High – James Carelock
Millingport – Rhett Lowder	West Stanly High – Chuckie Vanhooose
North Stanly High – Hunter Lunsford	West Stanly Middle – Shelbee Barbee
North Stanly Middle – Hunter Newton	

**WSHS Softball State Champions** – Principal Kim Page introduced the WSHS softball coaches who then introduced players from the team. This team recently competed and won the 2A softball state championship title.

**SSHS Baseball State Champions** – Principal Sean Britt introduced the SSHS baseball coaches who then introduced players from the team. This team recently competed and won the 1A baseball state championship title for the second year in a row.

**Recognition of Staff: Bus Driver of the Year** – Art Whittaker, Director of Transportation, reported that principals submitted nominations for “Bus Driver of the Year” for Stanly County Schools. Nominees were as follows: Leslie Barbee – Endy; Norma Coone – Norwood; Quentin Watkins – AMS; and Robin Wawak– Locust. A panel reviewed the nominations and chose Quentin Watkins, AMS, as the 2012-2013 Bus Driver of the Year.

**Child Nutrition Employee of the Year** – Stefanie Almond, Director of Child Nutrition, presented the very first Child Nutrition Employee of the Year award. Nominees were as follows: Renee Huneycutt – Stanly Early College and Stanly Academy; Taska Little – Stanly Early College and Stanly Academy; Felix Hinson – Stanfield; Wendy Brown – Endy;

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Nora Harris – Oakboro; and Monica Yow – Locust. The employee chosen to receive the 2012-2013 Child Nutrition Employee of the Year Award was Wendy Brown, Endy.

**Recognition of Initially Licensed Teachers (ILTs)** – Vicki Calvert recognized the following initially licensed teachers that had completed the three year program:

Kasey Byrd	Misty Hardister
Suzanne Clanton	Amanda Hill
Lauren Collins	Seth Smith
Brooke Davis	Adam Storm
Will Davis	Doug Talbert
Tabitha Deese	Nick Weeks
Whitney Eudy	Emily Wood

**Certified Support Staff of the Year** – Dr. Sandra Carter presented the 2012-2013 Certified Support Staff of the Year award to Suzette Walters.

**Classified Employee of the Year** – Dr. Sandra Carter presented the 2012-2013 Classified Employee of the Year award to Michele Trupia.

**Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Teacher** – Jency Speight, Director of Elementary Education and Julie McSwain, Oakboro School Principal, presented the 2013 Outstanding Elementary Mathematic Teacher award to Leah Swink.

At 7:35 PM, Chairman Melvin Poole declared a recess. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:40 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the May 7, 2013 regular meeting were approved as presented.

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

Instructional Program – Dr. Angela Mills— No report.

Facilities – Grant Allen reported that the committee met on May 21, 2013. Agenda items included:

- Mr. Tom Gray spoke to the committee about the multipurpose room at Norwood School and turning it back into a gym with a request of \$40,000.00 to go towards the project. The committee agreed to place this request as an item to be considered on the Capital Outlay Budget.
- George Crooker from the YMCA requested permission to send surveys for students at Aquadale, Badin and Norwood Schools to see if there was any interest in an afterschool program the YMCA offers. The committee agreed to allow surveys to be sent.

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- Nicole Williams representing the Central School PTO spoke to the committee about the Toby Webb Fields next to Central School. A request was made for \$7,000.00 to help up fit the facility. The committee agreed to place the request as an item for consideration on the Capital Outlay Budget.
- The committee reviewed bidding policies and procedures. The committee agreed to follow and leave in place the current Board Policies that address bidding policy and procedures. Those policies are Policy #6615, #6635, and #6640.

Grant Allen left the meeting following his committee report at 7:45 PM.

Finance – Mike Barbee — No report.

Personnel – Vicky Watson —No report.

Policy – Jeff Chance reported that the committee met on June 3, 2013. The following policies were presented for final approval:

- The Board approved Policy #3560 - Title I Parent and Family Engagement, as recommended by the Policy Committee.
- The Board approved New Policy #6720 - Key Management, as recommended by the Policy Committee.

Mr. Chance also presented revised Policy #2010 – Community Use of Facilities. This revised policy will be tabled for thirty days before final approval.

Legislative Resource Network – Dr. Griffin —No report.

**Updated Strategic Plan**: Dr. Griffin reviewed the process of the development of the updated strategic plan as well as reviewing each section of the plan with members. Approval of the plan was not needed tonight as the plan will be posted on the website for feedback. The updated strategic plan will be brought back to the Board for approval and adoption at the August 2013 regular meeting.

**Central Office Location**: Chairman Poole explained that the county commissioners, in the process of making their budget, need to know where we stand on the location of the Central Office and a decision needs to be made on whether this office will remain where it is currently or be relocated. Mike Barbee made a motion to have the Central Office remain in its current location and for Dr. Griffin to notify the county manager of our intent. The motion was seconded by Tracy Lowder. Discussion was had and Mr. Chance asked for Mark Lowder to advise on how this motion impacts the previous motion made to relocate the Central Office asking if that motion would need to be rescinded or if this motion would take precedence over it. Mr. Lowder stated that he thought either one could be done but that he also felt tonight's motion, if the Board so chose to do so, would be the correct way to proceed. After discussion the Board voted and the motion was approved.

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**Summer Working Hours :** Chairman Poole stated he was contacted about summer work hours and he had talked with Dr. Griffin on the matter. After Dr. Griffin researched the issue she found that the first two years of having summer work hours was voted on and approved by the Board but the following two years a vote was not taken but the summer work hours continued as had been done previously. Mr. Poole felt a motion was needed so that the matter could at least be discussed. Mitzie Almond made a motion to go with Dr. Griffin's original suggestion of a five day work week. Tracy Lowder seconded the motion. Discussion was had on the matter and Mr. Barbee wanted to know if there were any figures or documentation on whether there were savings with a four day work week. Dr. Griffin stated that the information she received was that it was very hard to determine savings due to the many variables of each site. The Board voted and the motion was approved 6-1. Mr. Barbee voted in opposition.

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Project :** Brandon DeLeeuw, Chief Technology Officer, stated that over the last six months the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Committee had been meeting discussing what phase II of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Project will look like. In meeting, this committee is recommending that we join a growing number of school districts across the country by providing every student in grades 3-12 a Google Chromebook, which is a very cost effective \$280.00 laptop. Instead of replacing \$600.00-\$1200.00 desktops in each classroom they could actually provide students in grades 3-12 with a Chromebook and roughly the savings would be \$60,000.00 per year for the next four years. Mr. DeLeeuw stated that several companies have bid on the project and they looked at the top three companies in terms of the services they were offering. After the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Project review of those top companies they are recommending the company Encore, formerly CSI. Jeff Chance made a motion, seconded by Lonnie Chandler, for Mr. DeLeeuw to enter into a contract with Encore, formerly CSI, for Google Chromebooks and the additional support that he may need from them for this initiative. Some brief discussion was had in reference to savings and training that would be provided to staff. The Board voted and the motion was approved.

**Curriculum and Instruction:** The following items were presented for information and/or consideration:

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Annual Plan- Georgia Harvey, Director of Middle, Secondary, and Career and Technical Education, presented a summary of the CTE Plan for 2013-2014. On a motion by Dr. Angela Mills seconded by Vicky Watson, the 2013-2014 CTE plan was approved by the Board.
- Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Annual Plan- Jency Speight, Director of Elementary Education and Curriculum Support, presented a three-year plan for AIG programs to be implemented in Stanly County Schools. On a motion made by Jeff Chance and seconded by Mitzie Almond, the Board approved the Academically or Intellectually Gifted Plan for 2013-2016.

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Susan Brooks, Director of Federal and State Support Programs, then presented updates on the following for informational purposes only:

- Title I Plan Update- An overview of the Title I plan for 2013/2014 was given to members. Goals for the plan were also reviewed.
- Title II Plan Update- An overview of the goals for the Title II Plan for 2013/2014 was reviewed with members.
- Title III Plan Update- An overview was given of the 2013/2014 plan for funds available through Title III, a funding source to be used for enhanced instructional opportunities beyond the basic required services for English Language Learners (ELL's).

**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) Administrator Reassignments; and (D) Coaching Assignments for Fall.

**SECTION II - Personnel Matters** (Action required) – On a motion by Dr. Angela Mills and second by Tracy Lowder, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (A) Recommendation for Administrative Employment; (B) Recommendation for Administrator Assignment; (C) Probationary Contract Renewal; (D) Recommendation for Reassignment of Certified Personnel (E) Recommendation for Reassignment of Classified Personnel; (F) Recommendation for Substitute Bus Driver; (G) Recommendation for Substitute Teachers; and (H) Recommendation for EC Extended Year Services.

**Finance and Auxiliary Services:** Bill Josey presented for approval Budget Amendment #1 FY 2012/2013 Capital Outlay Fund, this amendment is needed for Board action taken at the last regular meeting in May 2013, to give Endy School \$3500.00. A motion to approve Budget Amendment #1 FY 2012/2013 Capital Outlay Fund, was made by Mike Barbee and seconded by Vicky Watson, the Board voted and the motion failed 3-4. Dr. Angela Mills, Mitzie Almond, Tracy Lowder, and Lonnie Chandler voted in opposition.

Mr. Josey gave the following updates to the Board:

- Auditors are currently in this week for step one of the three step process- internal control and federal compliance. They will return in July for step two and then in September for step three, which is the financial audit. Mr. Josey explained that this year we are in a different class due to our audit last year. In typical years they test 25% of transactions of federal funds and compliance, this year they are testing 50% which means it is more in depth. Mr. Josey felt that things were progressing well.
- A State Budget update and current progress of the state budget was given to members.

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**Public Comments:** Mike Bisson spoke to the Board about the possibility of Ridgecrest School being reopened and he also shared his concerns about the amount of time that kids now have to spend on buses going to and from school.

Curtis Furr spoke to the Board about his concern with student safety in mobile classrooms. Mr. Furr asked the Board to consider sending a survey in reference to what type of school the public might want in regards to Ridgecrest School.

Nancy Sasser shared that there would be additional opportunities for students in athletics if K-8 was brought back to the western end of the county. Mrs. Sasser had a petition to present to members which showed that there are still people who want K-8 to be brought back.

**Superintendent Comments:** Dr. Griffin gave reminders about the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

**Board Member Comments:** Board member comments included congratulations to all students and staff recognized this evening. Well wishes for a good summer were also extended.

**Next Board Meeting:** The regular monthly meeting scheduled on July 2, 2013 was cancelled. A meeting of the Board will be needed prior to the end of June for budget matters, so members decided to schedule a special called meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 6:00 pm, in the Central Office Staff Development Room.

**Closed Session for Student Matters and Attorney-Client Matters:** On a motion by Mike Barbee and second by Vicky Watson, the Board entered into closed session at 8:55 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 9:45 PM.

On a motion by Mike Barbee and second by Tracy Lowder, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin Poole, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary