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Board Meeting – Commons Meeting Room
August 6, 2013

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, August 6, 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. Chairman Poole asked that if there were no objections members should replace the Personnel Agenda received previously with the revised highlighted copy given at the start of the meeting. There were no objections to using the revised personnel agenda.

Mike Barbee gave the invocation.

Recognition from Cisco Networking Academy: Dr. Griffin presented a plaque of recognition from Cisco Networking Academy to WSHS CTE teacher Adam Storms, who represented all CTE educators in Stanly County Schools delivering the Cisco IT Essentials courses.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 4, 2013 regular meeting, June 27, 2013 special meeting, and July 16, 2013 special 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 – No Report

Finance – Mike Barbee reported that the committee had met on August 1, 2013 and again this evening prior to the start of the regular meeting. The matter before the committee was a budget shortfall of \$600,000.00 to which the committee could not reach a consensus on. The Board was given a chart, as was given to the finance committee, which listed Dr. Griffin's first and second recommendations for meeting the budget and it also listed items submitted by Board members to Mr. Josey, for how the budget shortfall could be met. Dr. Griffin then shared with members her second recommendation as follows: Reduce teacher assistants workday by .5 (1/2hour) hours for a savings of \$158,500.00, don't fill 1 receptionist position at AMS for a savings of \$28,964.03, don't fill 1 custodian position for a savings of \$26,082.80, don't fill 4 teachers assistant positions for a savings of \$115,856.12, move 4 teacher assistants into online facilitators for a savings of \$115,856.12, transfer from \$75,000.00 from textbooks, and use fund balance of \$75,000.00 from Fund 8 for a total savings of \$595,259.07. Dr. Griffin was also asked to share why she was ok with using funds from textbooks and Fund 8 in order to meet the shortfall. Mr. Josey was asked to explain the difference in the amounts from what the congressional education budget

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showed and what actually happened to allot for the \$600,000.00 deficit. Mr. Barbee expressed his concern with transferring funds from textbooks and he also thought there were several positions that were not classroom teacher assistants being paid from the teacher assistant allotment that needed to be looked at. After some brief additional discussion Grant Allen made a motion, seconded by Lonnie Chandler, to accept Dr. Griffin's second recommendation as presented. Mr. Barbee asked if this was not approved tonight what other places could be looked at for cuts and Mr. Josey explained that the only other areas would be what they had submitted to him earlier in the week as listed on the chart. The Board voted and the motion was approved. Mike Barbee voted in opposition.

Personnel – Vicky Watson – No Report

Policy – Jeff Chance presented the following revised policy for final approval:

- As recommended by the Policy Committee, the Board approved revised Policy #2010- Community Use of Facilities.

Legislative Resource Network – Dr. Griffin —No report.

Welcome to the 2013/2014 School Year: Dr. Griffin gave a power point presentation which reflected on goals from the 2012/2013 school year, for herself and the district, as well as goals for the upcoming 2013/2014 school year. A welcome back video from Dr. Griffin was also shared with the Board. This video will be shown to all staff upon their return for the new school year.

Stanly County Schools Strategic Plan 2013-2017 : Dr. Griffin presented the Stanly County Schools Strategic Plan for 2013-2017 for Board approval. The plan had been previously placed on the table for 30 days. On a motion by Jeff Chance and second by Dr. Angela Mills, the Board approved the Stanly County Schools Strategic Plan 2013-2017 as presented.

Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. Carter shared with Board members about a few of the curricular programs both being continued and newly started for the 2013/2014 school year. Mr. Poole asked for continued feedback throughout the year and to possibly look at doing a student survey on class/course satisfaction.

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) Recommendation for Certified Reassignment; (D) Recommendation for Classified Reassignment; (E) Recommendation for Coaching Assignment.

SECTION II - Personnel Matters (Action required) – On a motion by Dr. Angela Mills

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and second by Tracy Lowder, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (A) Recommendation for Certified Employment; (B) Recommendation for Classified Employment; (C) Recommendation for Probationary Contract Renewal; (D) Recommendation for Teacher Substitute (E) Recommendation for Child Nutrition Substitute (F) Recommendation for Custodian Substitute; (G) Recommendation for Technology Substitutes; (H) Recommendation for Bus Substitute; and (I) Exceptional Children Contract Employment.

Finance and Auxiliary Services: Bill Josey – No report

Public Comments: Sherry Vaughan spoke to the Board about her disapproval of the Board approving to give money to Endy school for playground equipment as she felt the decision was not fair dealings to all schools.

Board Member Comments: Board member comments included well wishes for the start of a new school year.

Next Board Meeting: The next regular monthly meeting will be September 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Stanly Commons Meeting Room.

Closed Session for Student Matters and Attorney-Client Matters: On a motion by Dr. Angela Mills and second by Grant Allen, the Board entered into closed session at 7:50 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 8:15 PM.

On a motion made by Jeff Chance seconded by Grant Allen, the Board approved to enter into a lease agreement, as presented, between the NC National Guard and Stanly County Schools for New London Choice Middle School facility for utilization by the Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy.

On a motion made by Dr. Angela Mills seconded by Tracy Lowder, the Board approved the memorandum of understanding with the YMCA as presented.

On a motion made by Mike Barbee seconded by Vicky Watson, the Board approved to accept the extension agreement from the county commissioners for the Central Office occupancy in Stanly Commons as presented.

On a motion by Mike Barbee and second by Vicky Watson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Melvin Poole, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary