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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Former North Albemarle School Media Center
September 4, 2012

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 7:00 PM in the Media Center of the former North Albemarle School.

Attendance: Board members in attendance were Chairman Anita Owens-Scott, Sandee Lambert, Melvin Poole, Grant Allen, Mike Barbee, Jeff Chance, Vicky Watson, Chris Whitley, and Tracey Wyrick. Others in attendance included Superintendent Terry Griffin, Assistant Superintendent Sandra Carter, Director of Finance and Auxiliary Services Carrie Cox, and Board Attorney Mark Lowder.

Chairman Anita Owens-Scott called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 7, 2012 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Recommendation of Staff: The following outstanding educators for 2012 were recognized. Vicki Calvert introduced the teachers and Dr. Carter presented each with a certificate.

Albemarle High – Victor Ubaldo	Norwood – Kellie Andrew
Albemarle Middle – Staci Davis	Oakboro – Kristy Burris
Aquadale – Lori Greene	Richfield – Daniel Dickens
Badin – Laura Crotts	Ridgecrest – Melissa Straining
Central – Angela Moore	S. Stanly High – Meredith Howell
East – Angela Almond	S. Stanly Middle – Michael Curlee
Endy – Melissa Fisher	Stanfield – Lori Watson
Locust – Kelly Brock	West Stanly High – Dan Rice
Millingport – Christy Bargesser	West Stanly Middle – Neal Frye
N. Stanly High – Julie Furr	Early College High School – April Simpson
N. Stanly Middle – Tommy Thompson	Stanly Academy – Kenya Borders

Julie Furr from North Stanly High School was selected as Stanly County's 2012 Teacher of the Year and she also the recipient of the Dr. Shaw Wan award. Mrs. Furr would represent Stanly County Schools in regional competition.

Dr. Carter reviewed the process for selecting "Principal of the Year". Each principal was asked to nominate someone, and the top three nominees were interviewed by a selection committee. Dr. Amy Blake Lewis from Stanly Early College High School, Julie McSwain from Oakboro Elementary School, and Melissa Smith from Central Elementary School, were the top three candidates.

Julie McSwain was selected as Stanly County's Principal of the Year for 2012/2013 and she also the recipient of the Dr. Shaw Wan award.

At 7:15 PM, the Chairman declared a recess. The meeting continued at 7:25 PM.

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Request to Address the Board: Matt Smith, with WSBC and WZKY radio, spoke to the Board in reference to a request for live streaming of athletic events. Mr. Smith stated that for years they have been doing live radio broadcasts of high school football and with the advancement of technology they would now like to pursue doing a live video feed to go along with the radio broadcasts. Mr. Smith stated he'd had discussions with Shannon Batchelor and Dr. Griffin who developed a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) that was sent to Board Members prior to the meeting. He felt that they were ready to proceed but wanted to make sure that they were all comfortable with the idea and would answer any questions members might have.

Dr. Griffin then thanked Mr. Smith for coming and speaking. She stated to the Board that two weeks prior Mr. Smith had approached them about this and she felt that before they could work out the particulars she wanted the Board to be made aware of it. She also let members know that they had looked at other districts MOU's who were doing this. Dr. Griffin stated they were not asking members to vote on anything tonight but this was an opportunity for them to ask questions and moving forward she will continue to work with Mr. Smith on this request.

Committee Reports: Chairman Anita Owens-Scott called for committee reports as follows:

Instructional Program – Vicky Watson—No report.

Facilities – Mike Barbee—No report.

Finance – Chris Whitley—No Report

Personnel – Tracey Wyrick- No report.

Policy – Jeff Chance presented the following new policy for the Board's consideration and it would remain on the table for thirty days before final approval:

New Policy #4500, *Service Animal Policy*

Opening of the 2012/2013 School Year: Dr. Griffin reported to members that the beginning of the new school year is off and running. She thanked the community for donations of school supplies that have been and continue to be made. Dr. Griffin extended a special welcome to the 687 kindergarten students that began this year. This year Stanly County Schools will have one NC Pre-K class at Oakboro school and EC Pre-K classes will be held at Stanfield, Oakboro, Aquadale, and Millingport Schools. Dr. Griffin reported that WSMS experienced heavy traffic flow the first couple of days of school and being proactive, the NC Department of Transportation was contacted. The NCDOT came and observed traffic on two occasions and they did not make any recommendations to them. According to the principal and Mr. Whitaker the traffic is flowing much better than it did the first couple of days. Dr. Griffin stated that in making tours of the schools she had the opportunity to have lunch in a couple of them.

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So far this year we are serving over 1800 breakfasts per day in our cafeterias and over 5400 lunches per day. The unofficial enrollment on the 6th day was 8772 students, not including Pre-K. Dr. Griffin stated that this number was approximately 200 less than last year. She is hopeful that this number will rise and she encouraged parents to enroll their student as soon as possible if they had not done so. Dr. Griffin stated that for the benefit of anyone giving consideration to enrolling their student in public school for the first time she will be available on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 5:30 pm, at the central office, to share information about our school system and to answer any questions parents may have. Dr. Griffin stated that all in all we are off to a great start.

Technology Initiatives: Brandon DeLeeuw gave members an update on the 4 year 21st Century Classroom Project. The three main concerns and goals of the 21st Century Project were equity, refresh cycle, and sustainability. Saturday, September 1, 2012 was the four year anniversary of Mr. DeLeeuw being with the system and he felt very confident that they had met these goals with the four year project. Mr. DeLeeuw stated that every classroom and school across the district looks identical from a district perspective. As of right now there are 4467 instructional computers in classes, media centers and labs across the district. This would equal a little over 2 students per computer.

Mr. DeLeeuw also shared information about a new initiative they are getting on board with called Bring Your Own Device. We have two schools piloting the program for the first nine weeks of school, those schools are South Stanly High and North Stanly Middle. He stated that if all goes well with the pilot program they would open it up to each high school and middle school across the county.

Instructional Services: Dr. Sandra Carter provided the following brief overview of several instructional programs that are underway in Stanly County Schools:

- Following the NC Career and College Ready Initiative, funded through Race to the Top Funds, several programs are being implemented including the pay to assessment program called MClass. This provides training and devices to all K-2 teachers and elementary principals.
- EVAAS training is being provided to staff members. EVAAS is an online data system that provides a wealth of information which includes guiding teacher planning, student achievement goals, as well as measures of student learning.
- The Curriculum Mapping Initiative is being continued.
- The Graduation Project for seniors is being continued as well. Dr. Carter reported the state has recognized the value of the Graduation Project and this year high schools will receive credit for the implementation of it under the North Carolina High School Accountability Model.
- Dr. Carter reported they were partnering with Stanly Community College to implement the North Carolina Career and College Promise which provides students both high school and college credit for classes taken at the community college.

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- Dr. Carter stated they were focusing on the school level administrator as being the instructional leader for the school. A Train the Trainer model is being used for many of the staff development opportunities for administrators each month.
- Principals continue working school improvement teams to prepare and finalize their School Improvement Plans which will be presented to the Board on September 24 and 25 at AHS.
- Dr. Carter stated that she will be working with Dr. Griffin in completing the District Action Plan which upon completion will be placed on the district website.

Auxiliary Services: Carrie Cox—No report.

Personnel 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 Resignations, (B) Classified Resignations, (C) Recommendations for Certified Reassignments, and (D) Recommendation for Classified Reassignments.

SECTION II - Personnel Matters (Action required) – On a motion by Sandee Lambert seconded by Tracey Wyrick the Board approved the following Personnel items: (A) Recommendation for Bus Driver Substitute, (B) Recommendation for Certified Employment, (C) Recommendation for Classified Employment (D) Recommendation for Teacher Substitute, (E) Recommendation for EC Contract Services, (F) Recommendation for Food Service Substitute, (G) Recommendation for Coach, (H) Recommendation for Student Teacher/Substitute, (I) Recommendation for Tutors, (J) Recommendation for ESL Contracted Staff (Title III Funds).

Public Comments: None

Superintendent Comments: None

Board Member Comments: Members comments included congratulations to those teachers and principals recognized this evening. Members also welcomed back students for the new school year.

Next Board Meeting: The regular monthly meeting scheduled on October 2, 2012 in the Commons Meeting Room.

Closed Session for Student Matters, Personnel Matters and Attorney-Client Matters: On a motion by Melvin Poole and second by Vicky Watson, the Board entered into closed session at 8:00 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).

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At 8:55 PM, Board members reconvened in open session.

On a motion by Melvin Poole seconded by Vicky Watson, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Owens-Scott, Chairman

Terry F. Griffin, Secretary