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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Called Meeting – Commons Meeting Room
May 21, 2018

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The Stanly County Board of Education met on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 6:00 PM in the Commons Meeting Room located at 1000 North First Street.

Attendance: Board members in attendance were, Chairman Melvin Poole, Glenda Gibson, Ryan McIntyre, Todd Swaringen, Sherry Vaughn, and Vicky Watson. Others in attendance included Superintendent, Dr. Jeff James; Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Student Services, Ms. Vicki Calvert; Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Danny Poplin, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Nancy Hatley and Board Assistant, Ms. Hope Miller.

Stanly County Commissioner in attendance were, Chairman Joseph Burleson, Jann Lowder, Scott Efird, Bill Lawhon, Gene McIntyre, Matthew Swain, Ashley Morgan and County Manager, Andy Lucas

Chairman Mr. Melvin Poole called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Joint Meeting and Discussion with County Commissioners: Mr. Andy Lucas stated the County Commissioners were interested in hearing more of the strategic plan, action plan moving forward, and sales tax discussion. Dr. Jeff James discussed the new framework being implemented to update the current plan and the action plans that align with the old and new strategic plan. He then highlighted a few of the goals to be implemented in the new strategic plan.

- Future Ready Students – Increase the graduation rate to 90%
- 21st Century Professional – Hire highly qualified people and become competitive with surrounding county incentive pay.
- Healthy and Safe Students and Employees – Dr. Jeff James would like to discuss the advantages the quarter cent sales tax would have to every school under this portion of the plan. If supported, he would provide a detailed plan school by school with safety improvements that would be made beginning with playground equipment, and camera systems. He addressed the need of technology replacements that included middle school chromebooks, teacher devices, and projection equipment.
- Leadership for Innovation and Collaboration – The plan to improve high schools and dual immersion that he has previously spoke about with both entities. Dr. Jeff James stated he would like to re-energize AHS, and include a culinary arts partnership with SCC. Dr. Jeff James noted he is working on a sustainability plan for principals, AP, and staff.
- 21st Century Systems – Dr. Jeff James has plans to place capital expenditure costs at each building to give a picture of where all facilities are at and provide information to make wise decisions moving forward. He believes the presentation will be ready by August or September.

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Additional discussion between the boards included STEM expansion, SCoVE, and AHS. Mr. Curtis Furr requested to speak to the visit to Greene County and his support and excitement of the possibilities that could come to SCS. Both boards discussed the support and need for the quarter cent sales tax, and that August 6th would be the cutoff date for the November ballot. Dr. Jeff James briefly discussed grants that would provide additional equipment for virtual presence at each school, afterschool at risk grant, and a teacher quality partnership grant that have been applied for.

On a motion by Mr. Todd Swaringen and seconded by Mr. Ryan McIntyre, the meeting was adjourned at 7: 08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Melvin Poole, Chairman

Dr. Jeffery R. James, Secretary