

The Stokes County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at Sandy Ridge Elementary School in Sandy Ridge, North Carolina.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Sonya Cox, Chairperson; Mr. Jamie Yontz, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Mike Rogers, member; Mrs. Pat Messick, member and Ms. Becky Boles, member.

Administration Present: Mr. Ronnie Mendenhall, Superintendent; Tony George, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Ann Robertson, Administrative Assistant; Mr. David Burge, Executive Director of Operations; Mr. Chad Beasley, High School Director; Mrs. Amy Nail, Director of K-8 Education; Ms. Annette Johnson, County Athletic Director; Mr. Doug Rose, Principal of Sandy Ridge Elementary; Mrs. Cynthia Mabe, Assistant Director of Special Programs; Ms. Lanette Moore, Executive Director of Finance; Ms. Ann Sliger, Director of Student Information/Student Reassignment; Ms. Amy Musten, Mount Olive Elementary School; Mr. Michael Sands, Director of Testing and Accountability; Ms. Melisa Jessup, Executive Director of Human Resources; Mr. Brad Lankford, Director of Transportation; Mrs. Sarah Wood, Director of Media and Technology; and Mr. Kevin Spainhour, West Stokes High School.

Others Present: Doug Pungler, School Board Attorney; Mr. Marty Erskine, Sandy Ridge Elementary; Mary Carder, Sandy Ridge Elementary; and Amanda Dodson, The Stokes News.

Mr. Rogers invited those who wished to participate to join the board members in an invocation.

Welcome and Pledge:

At 6:00 p.m., Chair Cox called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone to the meeting and led everyone in the pledge.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Yontz seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Messick made a motion to approve the following items under the January 13th Consent Agenda. Ms. Boles seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

The regular session minutes of December 9, 2013, were approved.

Approval of Proposed GED Program:

Board members approved a proposed GED program to be offered at Meadowbrook Academy. Information on this program was presented at the December 9th regular session by Chad Beasley, High School Director; and Sally Elliott, Forsyth Tech.

Approval of a Field Trip Requests:

School and Sponsor	Trip Location/Date/Cost	# Students/Transportation
South Stokes High School Major Baker	MCJROTC National Champion- Ship Competition February 12-16-, 2014 Anniston, AL Cost: Meals	4-5 Students Rental Van
West Stokes High School Kelsi Hobson	Mars Hill Choral Festival February 6-8, 2014 Mars Hill, NC Cost: Room and Food Paid by Chorus and Students	2 Students County Van
West Stokes High School Kelsi Hobson	All-State Chorus February 21-22, 2014 Greensboro, NC Cost: Room and Food Paid by Chorus and Students	4 Students Activity Bus
West Stokes High School Jarvis	Atlanta Symphony Concert April 3-5, 2014 Atlanta, GA Cost: \$200.00	40 Band Students Charter Bus

Approval of Lawsonville Elementary School's Furniture Bid:

Board members approved the low bid of \$38,767.68 from Contract Business Solutions (CBS) for furniture for the Lawsonville Elementary addition project. This bid was approved by a board poll on December 17, 2013.

Discussion Agenda

Discussion of Projects Update:

Mr. Burge provided board members with the following report:

Southeastern Stokes Middle School Project Update:

- All additional items requested by Mrs. Jackson have been completed.
- \$1,620.00 remains in the project balance. Mrs. Jackson has been informed of this balance and will be contacted this week to see how she wants to spend the remaining funds.

Poplar Springs Elementary School Update:

- Time Warner will extend the cable line from Hwy 66 to Poplar Springs. \$11,000.00 is budgeted for this. We have to pay for running the line, but Time Warner services will be free to Poplar Springs.
- Remaining project balance of \$975.00 will be used for a load of crusher run stone to be placed inside the fence at the new storage building and granite dust to be placed around the exterior of the playground borders.

Lawsonville Elementary Addition Update:

- B&M Septic Tank, Inc. of Lawsonville has begun hauling stone for the new septic lines. Installation to start after house and building are burned.
- The Fire Marshall's office has rescheduled the burning of the house and buildings for Saturday, January 18th, weather permitting. Travis Gray, Assistant Stokes County Fire Marshall, and Keith Lawson, Chief of the Lawsonville Fire Department, are coordinating the planned training burn.
- Received approval letter from the Winston-Salem Office of the Public Water Supply Section NCDENR that Well Site #1 has been approved.
- Furniture Bid from Contract Business Solutions was approved on December 17, 2013.
- Exterior brick masonry veneer - complete
- Window installation - complete
- Interior fire sealant and expansion joint caulking - complete
- Block fill and first coat of interior painting - complete
- Exterior sidewalks - complete
- Ceramic tile and partitions in restrooms - complete
- Ceiling tile grid and lay in light fixtures - complete
- HVAC installation - complete
- Roof termination caps, gutters and downspouts - complete
- New masonry walls around the existing filter bed- complete
- Installation of interior wood doors – complete
- New HVAC system in media center workroom – complete
- Classroom furniture to be delivered mid to late February
- Received Letter of Approval from NCDENR for the erosion control plan and have received the Approval Letter and Permit from NCDOT for the new parking lot. This project will be advertised in February and Bid in March for construction to begin in April.

South Stokes High “C Building” Roof Replacement:

- All roofing materials have been delivered.
- Southern Metal Systems started installation of the roof framing clips on November 29th.
- Lightweight steel framing complete.
- Install of roof panels to start week of January 13th.
- Work on roofing project will not start until after 1:30 on January 10, 13, 14, 15, and 16 due to exam schedule.

Discussion of 2014-2015 Moratorium on Student Reassignments:

Assistant Superintendent Tony George stated the moratorium on the King area schools needs to be lifted. Schools are now a business and we are going to lose kids to charter schools. If the moratorium is not lifted, Stokes County is going to lose money and jobs and it is going to affect our school system. He added that the North Carolina High School Athletic Association now has rules and guidelines for transfers and athletic participation. Kids have to sit out 365 days and Mr. George felt this was now out of the picture. Mr. George stated Stokes County Schools can establish the number of spots open for transfer so that we have control. He invited the principals from Mount Olive Elementary and West Stokes High School to share comments with board members.

Kevin Spainhour, principal of West Stokes High School, stated he had researched enrollment numbers all the way back to when West Stokes opened. West reached a peak enrollment of 1072 and currently has an enrollment of 932 students. Projected enrollment for 2014-2015 will have them down to around 922 students. Mr. Spainhour stated that trend could be side-stepped by lifting the moratorium. He added that we are in a different age in education and it is now competitive.

Amy Musten, principal of Mount Olive Elementary School, shared her school has a core capacity of 408 students and a current enrollment of around 280. She stated her staff has been creative to prevent classroom combinations. There are empty classrooms at Mount Olive. Mrs. Musten felt Mount Olive is losing out with the numbers they have. She hoped by lifting the moratorium she would have good size classes.

Mr. George stated three areas the board members had to consider were money, control and safety and protection of our students.

This agenda item was discussed at length.

Mrs. Messick agreed that the moratorium should be lifted. She stated it was put into place when King schools had so many students. Since Poplar Springs Elementary was built, the schools were more in line. She did not want to see Stokes County losing teachers. Mrs. Messick stated that it would have to be controlled so we did not become overcrowded again.

Ms. Boles agreed and questioned lowering tuition. Board consensus was not to lower the tuition, but people living outside the county that paid county taxes could be considered on a case by case basis and offered a credit.

Mr. Rogers expressed his concern that the Board of Education members are elected by the people of Stokes County that pay Stokes County taxes to serve the people that pay the taxes. He was against

lifting the moratorium to recruit Tobacoville students and denying someone living in the county admission to West Stokes High School.

Mr. George pointed out that even with the moratorium in place, Stokes County students with compelling reasons had been permitted to enroll at West Stokes High School.

Chair Cox stated if board members lifted the moratorium Stokes County students would be considered first, but they would still have to meet the criteria for transfer.

Mr. George stated parents are not just going to write a check and enroll their child. Transfer request forms would have to be completed. For every out-of-county student accepted, Stokes County Schools would receive \$9,250.00.

Ms. Lanette Moore, Executive Director of Finance, confirmed that the higher the ADM, the more income the school system would receive.

Mr. Rogers stated we would be letting students in at the expense of Stokes County students.

Mr. Yontz stated in-county transfer requests would have to be considered first. He added that County Athletic Director Annette Johnson would have to stay on top of this.

Annette Johnson stated she understood this. She reviewed the procedures and guidelines that the North Carolina High School Athletic Association and Stokes County Schools have in place for transfers that involve sports participation.

Chair Cox stated the moratorium was put into place because of our schools being over capacity and that is no longer a problem. She recommended removing the moratorium and watching it closely. She added that athletics has never been a reason to transfer and it still will not be.

Mr. Rogers stated he had no problem with lifting the moratorium, but he was not going to make a Stokes County student competitive with a Forsyth County student. He wanted to look at Stokes County students first.

Mr. Yontz stated Stokes County students came first.

Chair Cox stated this item will be on the action agenda in February.

Discussion of 2014-2015 Tuition for Out-of-County and Out-of-State Student Reassignments:

Ann Sliger, Director of Student Information/Student Reassignment, reported that out-of-county student tuition has been \$1,250.00 for the past few years. Out-of-state tuition was raised last year to \$1,475.00. Stokes County receives no additional money for out-of-state transfers.

Lanette Moore, Executive Director of Finance, shared that Stokes County pays \$1,501.38 annually for each student who enrolls into a charter school.

Mr. Rogers stated out-of-state transfers should be stopped, unless the students are children of our employees. Mr. Rogers questioned a fee scale or lowering the tuition rate to what an average Stokes County tax payer pays.

Board consensus was to not offer a fee scale and to not lower the tuition rate.

Chair Cox stated the tuition would be left as is for another year. Mr. Punger will check with Attorney Fred Johnson on creating a policy to not enroll out-of-state students, unless they are an employee's child/children. This item will be on the action agenda for February.

Action Agenda

Approval of Federal Fund Budget Amendment #1:

Mr. Yontz made a motion to approve Federal Fund Budget Amendment #1, as presented by Executive Director of Finance Lanette Moore. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Messick and approved 5-0.

Approval of School Surplus Items for Disposal on Govdeals.com:

Mrs. Messick made a motion to approve the following items for disposal on Govdeals.com. Motion was seconded by Ms. Boles and approved 5-0.

Inventory Item BG0005	1984 International 60 Passenger Bus
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Inventory Item BG0009	2000 Dodge Stratus 4 Door Sedan
Inventory Item BG0010	2002 Chevrolet Malibu 4 Door Sedan
Inventory Item BG0011	1995 Ford 250 Pickup Truck
Inventory Item BG0012	1985 Ford Ranger Regular Cab, 2 WD
Inventory Item MT0012	1990 Chevy 1500 Pickup Truck
Inventory Item SS0037	PowerMatic Table Saw
Inventory Item SS0038	Delta-Rockwell Drill Press
Inventory Item SS0039	Delta-Rockwell Sander
Inventory Item SS0040	Craftsman Radial Arm Saw
Inventory Item SS0041	Rockwell Jointer
Inventory Item SS0042	Edlund Machinery Drill Press
Inventory Item SS0043	Edwards Metal Press
Inventory Item SS0044	Delta-Rockwell Table Saw
Inventory Item LA0010	Flag Pole

Approval of Make-up Day for January 7, 2014:

Ms. Melisa Jessup, Executive Director of Human Resources, stated a school calendar must have a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction. Based on these guidelines, all schools in Stokes County, except Stokes Early College, have well over the 1,025 hours. The recommendation of school administrators and district directors for all schools other than the Early College is to not make up January 7th, based on the 1,025 hour guideline. June 13th will be moved to January 7 for employees.

Ms. Jessup reported that the recommendation for Stokes Early College is to make up January 7, 2014 on March 11th for both staff and students. The March 11 Optional TWD would be moved to January 7.

Mr. Yontz made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Ms. Boles seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Approval of Change to March Early Dismissal on the 2013-2014 Calendar:

Ms. Melisa Jessup, Executive Director of Human Resources, recommended that due to the administration of the ACTS test to high school students on March 4, the Early Dismissal day on March 4 be moved to March 5.

Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve this recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Messick and passed 5-0.

Approval of the 2013-2014 Graduation Schedule:

Mr. Chad Beasley, High School Director, stated he had met with the principals and their recommendation was to hold Stokes County Schools' graduations on June 12, June 13, and June 14. Mr. Beasley stated this would basically be following the same schedule we have followed in the past few years. Seniors were allowed to take their exams early and then had to wait to graduate. This year they will not be permitted to take their exams early, but will still have to wait to graduate.

Mr. Rogers expressed concern about the delay in graduations. He questioned when senior beach week is scheduled at Myrtle Beach and wondered how many parents or students may already have reservations made.

Mrs. Messick questioned staff having to work on June 14th, when June 13th is the last teacher work day. Mrs. Jessup stated a work day would be swapped out for staff who will be required to work.

After discussion, Mr. Yontz made a motion to approve the following graduation schedule. Motion was seconded by Ms. Boles and passed 4-1, Rogers.

Thursday, June 12	South Stokes High School
Friday, June 13	North Stokes High School
Saturday June 14	West Stokes High School and Meadowbrook Academy

Information and Announcements

Superintendent Mendenhall asked that board members consider the Saturdays in March and April for a board member retreat. This will be discussed at the February work session and the dates will be narrowed down at that time so a location can be determined.

School Calendar:

January 17 Teacher Work Day
 January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
 February 12 County Spelling Bee/Nancy Reynolds Elementary - 9:30 AM
 February 26 Middle School BOB at Nancy Reynolds Elementary - 10:00 AM
 March 5 Early Dismissal
 March 25 Elementary BOB, North District at Piney Grove Middle - 10:00 AM
 March 26 Elementary BOB, West District at Chestnut Grove Middle – 10:00 AM
 March 27 Elementary BOB, South District at Southeastern Middle – 10:00 AM
 April 1 Elementary BOB Finals at Nancy Reynolds Elementary – 10:00 AM

Invitations:

Lawsonville Elementary	Dare Graduation	January 28	8:30 AM
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2014 Graduation Schedule:

Thursday, June 12	South Stokes High School
Friday, June 13	North Stokes High School
Saturday, June 14	West Stokes High School and Meadowbrook Academy

At 7:48 p.m., Mr. Yontz made a motion to enter closed session as allowed by NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(6). Mr. Rogers seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

[Closed Session]

At 9:0 p.m., Mr. Yontz made a motion to return to open session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and approved 5-0. .

Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve the January 13, 2014 Coaching Report and Personnel Report. Mr. Yontz seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

The following personnel items were approved:

Leaves of Absence:

Ashley Aebersold	Hearing Impaired Teacher Poplar Springs Elementary	Effective 11/18/13-2/28/14 Extended LOA
Cassidy Boles	Teacher North Stokes High	Effective 4/11/14-5/23/14
Wendy Frye	CN Worker/Bus Driver King and Mount Olive	Effective 10/10/13-1/31/14 Extended LOA

Connie Flippin	Office Support Southeastern Middle	Effective 10/30/13-1/29/14 Extended LOA
Lena Gough	Physical Therapist King Elementary	Effective 11/81/13-6/13/14 Extended LOA
Rosalene Pratt	Custodian Chestnut Grove Middle	Effective 10/7/13-1/27/14 Extended LOA
Susan Turck	Child Nutrition Worker King Elementary	Effective 12/3/13-1/17/14 Extended LOA
Misty Vawter	Teacher King Elementary	Effective 11/20/13-2/19/14 Extended LOA
Kara Yates	Teacher Poplar Springs Elementary	Effective 3/14/14-5/9/14

New Hire – Interim with Benefits:

Angelia Hall	Teacher West Stokes High	Effective 1/17/14-6/13/14 Board Polled 1/2/14
Kathleen Jones	Teacher Assistant Pinnacle Elementary	Effective 1/13/14-6/13/14 Board Polled 1/2/14

New Hire – Permanent:

Joseph Cox	Teacher Piney Grove Middle	Effective 1/6/14 Board Polled 1/2/14
Davey Diamont	Teacher West Stokes High	Effective 1/2/14 Board Polled 1/2/14
Crystal Yontz	Office Support Early College High	Effective 1/2/14 Board Polled 12/13/14

New Hire – Temporary No Benefits:

Mae Barker	Teacher Lawsonville Elementary	Effective 12/13/13-12/20/13 LOA Amanda Ressler
Gina Brown	Substitute Teacher Systemwide	Effective 1/14/14
Donna Collins	Teacher Poplar Springs Elementary	Effective 3/14/14-5/9/14 LOA Kara Yates

Donna Collins	Tutor Walnut Cove Elementary	Effective 1/21/14-3/13/14
Ruth Conner	Tutor Sandy Ridge Elementary	Effective 1/14/14-5/30/14
Amy Cook	Substitute Bus Driver Sandy Ridge/North Stokes/ Piney Grove/Early College	Effective 1/14/14
Jayson Duncan	Tutor Nancy Reynolds Elementary	Effective 1/6/14-5/30/14
Melanie Grinnell	Substitute Teacher Systemwide	Effective 1/14/14
George Hall	Tutor Poplar Springs Elementary	Effective 1/6/14-5/30/14
Janet Hall	Tutor Chestnut Grove Middle	Effective 1/21/14-3/20/14
Carla Landress	Tutor Pinnacle Elementary	Effective 1/13/14
Kristin Long	Sub Custodian Germanton Elementary	Effective 1/14/14-6/13/14
Judith Marion	Substitute Teacher Systemwide	Effective 1/14/14
Donna Mitchell	Tutor Sandy Ridge Elementary	Effective 1/14/14-5/30/14
Victoria Silerberg	Substitute Teacher Meadowbrook High	Effective 12/11/13-1/31/14 LOA Tiffany Gunter
Frederick Thompson	Substitute Teacher Systemwide	Effective 1/14/14
Meredith Tuttle	Tutor Nancy Reynolds Elementary	Effective 1/6/14-5/31/14
<u>Resignations:</u>		
Alisa Hicks	Guidance Counselor North Stokes High	Effective 1/16/14

Cheryl Hodock	EC Personal Assistant Poplar Springs Elementary	Effective 12/5/13
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Misty Vawter	Teacher King Elementary	Effective 2/20/14
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Retirement:

Dorothy Mounce	Child Nutrition Worker West Stokes High	Effective 1/1/14
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Transfers:

Kelley Miller	Teacher to Teacher Coach West Stokes to Southeastern	Effective 1/21/14
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Lindsay Smart	Interpreter to Interim Hearing Impaired West Stokes to Poplar Springs	Effective 1/8/14-2/28/14
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The following coaching recommendations were approved as presented:

Michela Calloway	Softball Assistant Non-Employee Paid Chestnut Grove Middle	Effective 1/13/14
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Meghan Wood	Volleyball Assistant Employee – Paid Error Correction North Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
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Wayne Fulp	Baseball Assistant Employee – Paid North Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
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Randell Shelton	Softball Assistant Non-Employee – Paid North Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
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Barry Dodson	Softball Assistant Non-Employee – Paid North Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
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T. Quinton Owens III	Swimming Assistant Non-Employee – Volunteer South Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
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Tyler Hawks	Baseball Assistant Non-Employee – Paid South Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
Timmy Mabe	Baseball Assistant Non-Employee – Volunteer South Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
Daniel Ward	Baseball Assistant Employee – Paid Southeastern Stokes Middle	Effective 1/13/14
Jason Clark	Golf Head Employee – Paid Southeastern Stokes Middle	Effective 1/13/14
Derek Ward	Golf Assistant Non-Employee - Volunteer Southeastern Stokes Middle	Effective 1/13/14
Jimmy Via	Tennis Head (M) Non-Employee - Paid Southeastern Stokes Middle	Effective 1/13/14
Rob Birchfield	Track Assistant Employee – Paid Southeastern Stokes Middle	Effective 1/13/14
Donald Smith	Track Assistant Change to Classified Employee – Volunteer Southeastern Stokes Middle	Effective 1/13/14
Jordan Jessup	Baseball Assistant Employee – Volunteer West Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
Colon Moore	Lacrosse Head Change from Assistant to Head West Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14
Andrew O'Neal	Soccer Assistant (W) Employee – Paid West Stokes High	Effective 1/13/14

Benji Knox Track Head (W) Effective 1/13/14
 Non-Employee – Paid
 West Stokes High

The Board of Education scheduled the following meetings for February:

Work Session	February 3, 2014	8:30 AM	Administrative Office
Regular Session	February 17, 2014	6:00 PM	Administrative Office

At 9:00 p.m, Mr. Rogers made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ms. Boles and passed 5-0.

Secretary

Chairman