The Stanly County Board of Education met on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 7:00 PM in the Commons Meeting Room located at 1000 North First Street.

**Attendance:** Board members in attendance were Chairman Jeff Chance, Grant Allen, Mike Barbee, Sandee Lambert, Melvin Poole, Anita Owens-Scott, Vicky Watson, Chris Whitley and Tracey Wyrick. Others in attendance included Superintendent Samuel DePaul, Director of Finance and Auxiliary Services Bill Josey, Executive Director for Personnel and Student Services Todd Thorpe, and Board Attorney Mark Lowder.

Chairman Jeff Chance called the meeting to order. Mike Barbee gave the invocation.

**Recognition of Albemarle High School Football Team:** Principal David Bright and Coach Danny Akins commended and recognized the players and assistant coaches of the AHS football team for winning the 1AA State Championship Title. Mr. Bright and Mr. Akins spoke about how the team overcame a lot of adversity, including the loss of one of their players who passed away last spring and the forfeiture of three games due to a mistake in interpretation of rules. Coach Akins introduced assistant coaches Daniel Coggins and Doug Talbert and players Julius Williams, RJ Prince, Carl Hill and Milton Miller, who represented the AHS football team.

**Recognition of Spelling Bee Winner:** Albemarle Middle School Principal David Grice recognized and introduced Justice Smith, 8th grader, who won the county’s spelling bee for the second year in a row. Justice would represent Stanly County in the regional competition on February 14.

**Stanly Academy Evening Program:** Principal Pam Morton introduced student Brandon Crump, who attended the Stanly Academy Evening Program the first semester and graduated in December. Ms. Morton and Brandon shared a presentation that Brandon had prepared as part of a project while he was a student in the program. The program began at the start of the 2010-2011 school year and was being funded by a grant written and submitted by June Lowder, teacher, and Traci Diggs, guidance counselor. Its purpose is for traditional high school students to continue their education and work toward receiving their diplomas. The program also provides an opportunity for students who need just one, two, or three classes to get back on track to graduate. Ms. Morton reported that in 2008-2009, Stanly County Schools had 171 dropouts; in 2009-2010, the number dropped to 128; and she hopes the Evening Program will make a difference in decreasing that rate in the future.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the January 4, 2011 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**Committee Reports:** Chairman Jeff Chance called for committee reports as follows:

**Instructional Program** – Anita Owens-Scott – No report.
Facilities – Mike Barbee reported that the Facilities Committee met prior to this evening’s Board meeting and brought the following recommendations for the Board’s consideration:

- Oakboro Structural Floor Repair – The Board unanimously approved the committee’s recommendation to accept the bid from LCM Builders for $93,500.
- Albemarle High School Boys’ Shower Renovation – The Board unanimously approved the committee’s recommendation to accept the bid from Summit Construction for $16,185.
- Sidewalk Project at East Albemarle Elementary School – The Board unanimously approved the committee’s recommendation to grant easements to the City of Albemarle, one at East Main Street, one at Berry Avenue, and one at Badin Road, for the completion of a sidewalk project funded by the NC Department of Transportation’s “Safe Routes to Schools” Grant.

Finance – Chris Whitley – No report.

Personnel – Tracey Wyrick – No report.

Policy – Sandee Lambert – No report.

Legislative Resource Network – Dr. DePaul – No report.

Revised 2010-2011 School Calendar: Dr. DePaul presented revisions to the 2010-2011 school calendar to schedule make-up days for days missed due to inclement weather. Mr. Poole mentioned that he heard concerns expressed about the sheltered professional days being made up on Saturdays. Dr. DePaul explained that consensus of the teachers was to go on Saturdays rather than having to go during spring break. On a motion by Melvin Poole and second by Anita Owens-Scott, the Board unanimously approved the revised calendar as recommended by the Superintendent. (A copy of the calendar is attached to the minutes.)

Instructional Services: Dr. Terry Griffin, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, was unable to attend this evening’s meeting due to being at a Title 1 Conference. In her absence, Mr. Thorpe provided an update on School Choice. For the 2010-2011 school year, there were 15 out of 831 eligible students who requested to transfer from Norwood or Central Schools, the only two schools sanctioned as “Schools of Choice”. Supplemental educational services were being offered at Central School with 56 percent participation of the 286 students eligible for those services.

Finance and Auxiliary Services: Mr. Josey presented each Board member a copy of the “Comprehensive Annual Financial Report” for the year ended June 30, 2010. He noted that, as indicated in the report, the auditors found Stanly County Schools to be in compliance with requirements for internal controls, major federal programs, and major state programs.
Mr. Josey also provided a copy of the monthly finance report/update that included revenues and expenditures for the month of December 2010 and cash and fund balances as of December 31, 2010 as compared with balances for the same time last year.

**Personnel and Student Services:** Todd Thorpe presented the personnel agenda as follows:

**SECTION I - Personnel Matters** (No action required) – The following items were provided for information: (A) Classified Resignations and (B) Classified Transfers.

**SECTION II - Personnel Matters** (Action required) – On a motion by Chris Whitley and second by Melvin Poole, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations: (A) Employment of Certified Personnel; (B) Employment of Classified Personnel; (C) Recommendation for Contracted Services; and (D) Recommendation for Substitute Teachers.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Board Member Comments:** Board members’ comments included expressions of congratulations to the AHS football team and to Justice Smith. They encouraged citizens to be involved in the upcoming budget planning process.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting would be held March 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM 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 Tracey Wyrick, the Board entered into closed session at 7:55 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).

At 8:10 PM, Board members reconvened in open session.

On a motion by Melvin Poole and second by Mike Barbee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffery A. Chance, Chairman

Samuel A. DePaul, Secretary