

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
JANUARY 14, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a Special Called Meeting with the Stokes County Board of Education at South Stokes High School (Room C11) located in Walnut Cove, North Carolina on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 5:00 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Ernest Lankford
Vice Chairman James D. Booth
Commissioner J. Leon Inman
Commissioner Jimmy Walker
Commissioner Ronda Jones

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
County Attorney Edward Powell

Board of Education in Attendance:
Chairperson Michael Rogers
Vice Chairperson Becky Boles
Member Jamie Yontz
Member Sonya Cox
Member Pat Messick

School System Administration in Attendance:
Ronnie Mendenhall, Superintendent
Todd Martin, Assistant Superintendent
Ann Robertson, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education
Fredrick Johnson, School Board Attorney

Chairman Ernest Lankford called the meeting to order.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to enter closed session for the following reasons:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-311.11(a)(3)

- To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(8)
- To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning action taken or to be taken to respond to such activity pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(9)

Vice Chairman Booth moved to enter closed session for the following reasons:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-311.11(a)(3)
- To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(8)
- To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning action taken or to be taken to respond to such activity pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(9)

Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session of the January 14th Special Called Meeting.

Chairman Lankford entertained a motion.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the following news release:

JOINT PRESS RELEASE

Stokes County Board of Education

Stokes County Board of County Commissioners

Stokes County Sheriff's Office

The Stokes County Board of County Commissioners and the Stokes County Board of Education met in closed session on Jan 14, 2013 to discuss enhanced security measures for the Stokes County schools. It was decided that the Stokes County Government and the Stokes County School System will immediately fund a program to enhance security in the schools, which will include additional school resource officers assigned to the Stokes County School System until the end of the current school year. Due to their sensitive nature, other details of the program will not be made public in order to protect the methods and practices that are being implemented. At the end of this school year, the school security program will again be reviewed and evaluated for any changes that need to be implemented for the following school year.

Vice Chairman Booth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Lankford entertained a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting.

Vice Chairman Booth moved to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Ernest Lankford
Chairman