

**ADJOURNED SESSION**

**CITY COUNCIL AND STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

November 27, 2017

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Monday, November 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Stanly County Commons located at 1000 North First Street, Albemarle, NC, in the Board of Education Meeting room. Mayor G. R. Michael presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Bill Aldridge, Chris Bramlett, Benton Dry II, Martha Sue Hall, Martha E. Hughes, Dexter Townsend and Chris Whitley. Absent, none.

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Mayor Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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**INVOCATION**

Melvin Poole, Stanly County Board of Education Chairman, gave invocation.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Michael led the pledge of allegiance.

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**OPENING STATEMENTS**

Chairman Poole gave opening remarks for the Stanly County Board of Education and purpose for the meeting tonight.

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**PRESENTATION OF IMPROVEMENT IDEAS**

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Chairman Poole led discussion of improvement items presented on behalf of the Stanly County Board of Education.

Chairman Poole discussed the idea of a tiered elementary school for Central Elementary and East Albemarle Elementary. This idea, if implemented, would consist of Central Elementary service grades 3-5 only and East Albemarle Elementary serving grades K-2 only.

There was discussion of impending legislative changes dictating floor placements of certain grade levels that affect both elementary schools.

There was discussion of the need for more Teacher Assistants and Tutors within Elementary schools and Title 1 funding.

There was discussion of funding for Stanly County being contingent upon allotment.

Chairman Poole then presented the idea of a High School STEM/Early College within Stanly County Schools.

There was discussion of the needed personnel and classrooms to make this idea come to fruition.

Chairman Poole discussed an example of the success of an early college within the State that was recently implemented.

Chairman Poole then discussed the idea of year-round schools within Albemarle as a pilot for the County.

There was discussion of the need to work around high school athletics in the event year-round school is implemented.

There was discussion of the need for enrichment during intersession camps (off-weeks of year-round school).

There was discussion of the need to implement an Enterprise Fund for childcare services for said intersession camps.

Councilmember Townsend discussed the cost of year-round schools.

There was discussion of extra funding needed for year-round schools to result from local funding (not an increase in State funding).

Councilmember Dry discussed the need for increase funding with any aforementioned idea presented by Chairman Poole and inquired on thoughts of high school consolidation.

Chairman Poole discussed unrealistic increase capital expenses associated with consolidation.

Councilmember Bramlett discussed the need to decrease the number of schools within the current system in order to obtain the quality of education needed for Stanly County. He discussed an example of the school system in which his grandchildren attend and how successful and competitive children within that system when they enter the workforce. He stated the school system is a large economic driver for Stanly County and needs to be changed as it is currently a drawback for attracting and retaining residents within the County and respective municipalities.

Patti Crump, Stanly County Board of Education Boardmember, discussed the positivity of Stanly County schools and how children are receiving quality education. She discussed the issue of charter schools statewide pulling students away from county school systems. She also discussed the possibility of using unused classrooms to implement satellite courses for STEM initiatives.

Councilmember Aldridge discussed the possibility of assessing what other counties are doing successfully and potential ideas for what could be implemented within Stanly County.

Mayor Michael stated all topics presented in the City's Economic Development Strategy have been discussed. He inquired if there was any ideas the school board had in regards to potential in-kind services that could assist Stanly County Board of Education within the Albemarle district.

Upon further discussion, it was decided in-kind services could be utilized to conduct landscaping/grounds keeping services within Albemarle campuses during next spring.

There was discussion of Graystone Charter and their financial impact upon reduction in funding for Stanly County Schools.

Councilmember Hughes discussed the possibility of meeting again within another joint session.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall discussed the success of boards working together to achieve common goals. She also discussed the positive parent leadership that currently exists within the school system.

Councilmember Whitley discussed the Centralina Council of Governments Economic Development Strategy within a 9-county region.

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**ADJOURNMENT**  
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Upon no further discussion, Councilmember Dry made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Aldridge which carried by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Alphin, Deputy City Clerk/Assistant City Manager