**OBSERVER REPORTING FORM – League of Women Voters, Lower Cape Fear**

**Organization –** Brunswick County Board of Education **DATE –** November 1, 2016

**Type of Meeting -** Regular **Start Time** – 6:30 PM **Adjourn Time** – 7:35 PM

**Meeting features YES/NO Comments**

**-Agenda posted prior to meeting** Yes Available on line

**-Members of organization present** Yes Olaf Thorsen, Shirley Babson, Catherine Cooke, Charles Miller, John Thompson

**-Staff present** Yes Leslie Tubb, Deanne Meadows, Jessica Swencki, Michelle Sharpe, Richard Green, Ann Hardy, Jill Eubanks

**-Media coverage** Yes Southport Pilot

**-Opportunity for public comment** No None scheduled this month

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**Agenda discussion topics, decisions made:**

-Michelle Sharpe, teacher of the year, presented highlights of activities in the schools.

-Sue Rutledge, executive Director of maintenance, reported on the impact of Hurricane Matthew.

-December meeting will be the last for Mr. Thorsen and Ms. Babson.

-Suggestions for dates to have the Board Retreat meeting were discussed and the inclusion of the newly elected members was approved.

**Issues discussed - relevant to LWV positions/programs:**

Comments about the election and anticipated passing of the bond referendum

**League follow up recommended:**

None

**Comments:**

**-**BCS slogan to change from “What’s Right with BC Schools” to “Say Yes to BCS”.

-Acronyms were discussed and staff was reminded that frequently they are not understood by everyone.

-Mr. Thompson pointed out the need for more time for professional development and asked Mr. Tubb to draft a letter to the GA and/or DPI concerning school districts having flexibilty with the school calendar.

-Ms. Swencki said “Today in Class” videos will start at next month’s B/Ed meeting.

**Observer –** Barbara Brandes **Date report submitted –** November 7, 2016