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

**Organization –** Brunswick County Board of Education **DATE –** February 7, 2017

**Type of Meeting -** Regular **Start Time** – 6:30 PM **Adjourn Time** – 8:30 PM

**Meeting features YES/NO Comments**

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

**-Members of organization present** - Olaf Thorsen, Shirley Babson, Catherine Cooke, Charles Miller, John Thompson AND Ellen Milligan & Ed Lemon

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

**-Media coverage** Yes The Brunswick Beacon

**-Opportunity for public comment** Yes Ms Spencer- presented student concerns about Aquaculture Course at SBHS, urged board to find a replacement teacher. Retired teacher, now subbing, voiced concern about low teacher morale. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda discussion topics, decisions made:**

-Michelle Sharpe, teacher of the year, presented highlights of activities in the schools, announced that all 6th graders were going to see HIDDEN FIQURES.

-Dr. Meadows - TODAY IN THE CLASS feature – 1. Jessie Mae Elementary (Kindergarten), 2. Shallote Middle (6th), 3. WBHS (9th grade Math) – Ms A. Johnson discussed Standards Based Grading that is working extremely well. It is being tested in her classroom.

-**Recognition of Service –** Jessica Swencki received a public relations marketing award and Billy Lewis received a award for the Powerful Partners Programs.

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

-Mr. Tubb, Ms Milligan, Dr. Meadows and 3 HS principals visited Chapin HS in Chapin, SC to observe curriculum and procedures. Career & College Center in Columbus County, NC is the next site to observe.

-Student scholarship programs were discussed as a way to keep students local. BCCC is considering offering the first 2 years FREE to county seniors. Scholarships for Teacher Assistants were also discussed briefly with Chairman Lemon pointing out the need for a full time grant writer.

-Jessica Swencki discussed the Accreditation process that will bring an advanced education team to BCS April 2-5. This process takes place every 5 years. They will visit 6 of the 19 schools in teams of 2. There will be a community wide evaluation “brainstorming” session on Feb. 16, 2017.

**League follow up recommended:**

-Introduce league observers to Ed Lemon, chairman of the board

**Comments:**

-There was lots of enthusiasm about Standards Based Grading.

**Observer –** Barbara Brandes **Date report submitted –** Jan. 13, 2017