

Minutes

Anson County Board of Education

Monday, April 28, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, April 28, 2025. Board members present were Marilynn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Bobbie Little, Judy Little, Kelly Sheppard, and George Truman. Beulah Pratt arrived at 5:18 p.m. Others in attendance were Dr. Brian Ratliff (Superintendent), Dr. Josh McLaurin (Executive Administrator), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), and Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk).

Call to Order

Dr. George Truman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation

Frank Liles gave the Invocation.

Adopt Agenda

The board voted to adopt the agenda as presented with a motion by Marilynn Bennett, seconded by Bobbie Little. The motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Frank Liles moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 31, 2025, and the Budget Development Workshop of April 14, 2025. Carol Gibson seconded the motion, which was approved by the board and carried.

Closed Session

Chair Truman asked for a motion to go into a closed session to consider a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of the Board pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a)(6) and to discuss the acquisition of real estate or to discuss the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property according to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a)(5). Lisa Davis made a motion to go into closed session at 5:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. Motion carried.

There was no action taken.

Reconvene Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 5:52 p.m. upon a motion by Lisa Davis. Carol Gibson seconded the motion, which was approved by the board and carried.

Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Carol Gibson, the board voted to amend the agenda and move the personnel report to new business. Motion carried.

Recognition

The board recognized the following Spelling Bee Winners from each school, as well as the District-Wide Winner: Lillian Blalock (AES – District Winner), Bradley Baucom (AMS – District Runner-Up), Drake Cranto (LES), Blake McIver (MES), Jayceon Hancock (PPES), Aaliyah Bennett (WES), Karsin Smith (WPS), Alexis Temich (AMS).

Public Comment

Sheena Kendall was present to speak about her concerns with her child at one of our schools and stated she felt like the situation was mishandled.

Chair's Report

Corey Ross provided an update about the entrance and exit at Anson High School and Anson Middle School. Mr. Ross stated that he has had conversations since the last meeting with the Department of Transportation (DOT). He explained that the DOT has agreed to revisit the 2019 plan versus the 2024 plan to see if there are any further recommendations that could help with traffic flow. Mr. Ross mentioned that a meeting should be held soon and that he will share updates afterward.

Lisa Davis told the public comment speaker, Ms. Kendall, to please reach out to the superintendent to share her concerns, and she thanked the speaker for attending the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Early Literacy Presentation (Tiffany Tallent and Crystal Merk)

Tiffany Tallent and Crystal Merk were present to share information on Early Literacy. During the presentation, board members engaged in dialogue with Ms. Tallent and Ms. Merk. Kelly Sheppard asked for data by school and a comparison with the state. Ms. Tallent stated she would provide that information to the board.

Consent Items

Lisa Davis motioned to approve the consent agenda items (Proposed Budget for 2025-2026 and the 2024-2025 School Year Re-Administration Program Plan). The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. Motion carried.

New Business

Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Judy Little, the board approved the personnel report A-1 through I-9, with I-9 being approved for four years instead of two years and to table I-10 through I-17. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Frank Liles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Beulah Pratt seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

Dr. George Truman, Chairman

Dr. Brian Ratliff, Secretary

<div>PENDING</div> <div>PERSONNEL TO BE ADDED</div> <div>Board of Education Meeting - April 28, 2025</div>					
A.	CERTIFIED				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	TYPE OF CONTRACT	DATE EFFECTIVE
A-1	Marina Hooker	AES	K-6 Teacher	1 Year	8/11/2025 - 6/5/2026
A-2	Jose Javier Ortiz Rodriguez	AHS	Spanish Teacher	1 Year	8/11/2025 - 6/5/2026
A-3	Renea Sutherland-Facey	AHS	English Teacher	Temporary	4/28/2025 - 6/6/2025
B.	CLASSIFIED				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION		DATE EFFECTIVE
C.	SUBSTITUTES — CLASSROOM				
	NAME				
	SUBSTITUTES — SCHOOL NUTRITION				
	NAME				
D.	TRANSFERS				
	ADMINISTRATION				
	NAME	FROM	TO	POSITION	DATE EFFECTIVE
	CERTIFIED				
	NAME	FROM	TO	POSITION	DATE EFFECTIVE
D-1	Cheryl Brady	LES (K-6 Teacher)	AMS	ELA Teacher	8/11/2025
	CLASSIFIED				
	NAME	FROM	TO	POSITION	DATE EFFECTIVE
D-2	Constance Knotts	AHS (School Treasurer)	CO	Payroll Specialist	7/1/2025
E.	RESIGNATIONS				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION		DATE EFFECTIVE
E-1	James Everette, Jr.	PPES/ACEC	Custodian		4/15/2025
F.	RETIREES				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION		DATE EFFECTIVE
F-1	Karl McCloud	AHS	JROTC		6/6/2025
G.	DISMISSED				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION		DATE EFFECTIVE
H.	CHANGE IN STATUS				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	CHANGE	DATE EFFECTIVE
I.	ADMINISTRATIVE				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	TYPE OF CONTRACT	DATE EFFECTIVE
I-1	Matthew Garcia	AHS	Assistant Principal	4 Year	7/1/2025
I-2	Nicole Sikes	AHS	Assistant Principal	4 Year	7/1/2025
I-3	Katrice Thomas	AMS	Assistant Principal	4 Year	7/1/2025
I-4	Kevin Adams	WES	Principal	4 Year	7/1/2025
I-5	Heather Gerald	WPS	Principal	4 Year	7/1/2025
I-6	Becky Flake	LES	Principal	4 Year	7/1/2025
I-7	Christopher Stinson	AHS	Principal	4 Year	7/1/2025
I-8	Lynn Gardelle	CO	Director of Exceptional Children	4 Year	7/1/2025
I-9	Mary Ratliff	CO	Director of Student Services	4 Year	7/1/2025

This report satisfies the requirements of Public School Laws of NC General Statutes 115 C - Articles 20, 21, 21A, 22, 23, and applicable Local and State Board of Education Regulations