

**Minutes**  
Anson County Board of Education  
Monday, November 25, 2024  
Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.  
Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, November 25, 2024. Board members present were Marilyn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Bobbie Little, Judy Little, Beulah Pratt, George Truman, and Mike Turner. 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**

George Truman opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

Judy Little gave the Invocation.

**Adopt Agenda**

The board voted to adopt the agenda, as presented by a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Frank Liles. The motion carried.

**Approve Minutes**

Lisa Davis moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 28, 2024, with a revision to add that Mike Flake was present for the meeting. Marilyn Bennett seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes with the revision. The motion carried.

**Closed Session**

Chair Truman asked for a motion to go into a closed session. Lisa Davis made a motion to go into closed session at 5:04 p.m. 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). The motion was seconded by Judy Little and approved by the board. Motion carried.

**Reconvene Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 6:02 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner. Frank Liles seconded the motion, which was approved by the board and carried.

**Recognition**

The board recognized the following 2024 Christmas Card Winners:

- Mica Harward, Employee, Ansonville Elementary School
- Valerie Ayala, Grade 8, Anson Middle School
- Cayden Price, Grade 6, Wadesboro Elementary School

- Danica Bilog, Grade 9, Anson Early College High School
- Shantel Resendiz, Grade K, Ansonville Elementary School
- JaMarcus Rivers, Grade 8, Anson Middle School
- Abigail Mendoza, Grade 6, Morven Elementary School
- Angeline Lee, Grade 9, Anson Early College High School
- Caris Jackson, Grade 5, Peachland-Polkton Elementary School
- Serenity Robinson, Grade 3, Wadesboro Primary School
- Ellie Melton, Grade 9, Anson Early College High School
- Ava Bostick, Grade 1, Lilesville Elementary School
- Lidia Cano-Luna, Grade 12, Anson Early College High School

The board also recognized the following Anson Middle School and Anson High School student-athletes and teams for their accomplishments during the fall athletic season:

- Carika McNair, AMS Girls Track Conference Champion in Shot Put and Discus
- Laila Hammonds, AMS Girls Track Conference Champion in Long Jump
- Javen Garcia, AHS Soccer Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Yencey Hernandez, AHS Soccer Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Allie Steagall, District 6 Softball Player of the Year
- Ari Metcalf, AHS Cross Country Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Cam Eddins, AHS Cross Country Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Alena Baxter, AHS Volleyball All-Conference
- Allie Steagall, AHS Volleyball All-Conference
- Brooklyn Miles, AHS Volleyball All-Conference
- Hannah Austin, AHS Volleyball Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Lauren Lomax, AHS Volleyball Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Patty Livingston, Rocky River Conference Volleyball Coach of the Year
- AHS Volleyball – Advancing to the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the NCHSAA 2A State Playoffs
- Jazear Griffin, AHS Football All-Conference
- Kendrick Maye, AHS Football All-Conference
- Jayden Little, AHS Football All-Conference
- T’Landis Carr, AHS Football All-Conference
- Dequan McKeever, AHS Football All-Conference
- Gabriel Maxwell, AHS Football Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Aidan Purser, AHS Football Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Dock Hyatt, AHS Football Honorable Mention All-Conference
- Jase Martin, AHS Football Honorable Mention All-Conference

Dr. Truman presented Mike Turner with the following resolution to honor the 12 years he served on the Anson County Board of Education:

### **Resolution Honoring Mike Turner**

**WHEREAS**, Mike Turner has served as a dedicated member of the Anson County Board of Education for District 1 since 2012, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the educational community;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure, Mr. Turner has consistently advocated for the well-being of all students, ensuring their needs were at the forefront of decision-making;

**WHEREAS**, while his approach was often characterized as direct and firm, it was clear that his intentions stemmed from a deep-seated passion for fairness and equity in education;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Turner made it a priority to attend school events and programs whenever his schedule allowed, showing his commitment to the community and his support for the students;

**WHEREAS**, he particularly enjoyed attending athletic events, supporting student athletes and teams, and fostering school spirit within the community;

**WHEREAS**, he undoubtedly had a soft spot for the children, and his presence at these events highlighted his genuine care for their growth and success;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Turner's focus on student welfare was evident in his diligent efforts to foster an environment where every child could thrive, and he strived to uphold the highest standards of education within the district;

**WHEREAS**, while Mr. Turner often projected a tough demeanor, he consistently prioritized the best interests of the children above all else;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Anson County Board of Education honors Mike Turner for his 12 years of service, dedication, and commitment to creating a fair and supportive educational environment. We extend our deepest gratitude for his contributions and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

**ADOPTED**, this 25th day of November 2024 by the Anson County Board of Education.

#### **Public Comment**

Prophet Williams was present to discuss his desire to bid on the new middle school project.

#### **Chair's Report**

Board members summarized their recent participation at the NC School Boards Association's Annual Conference.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **School Growth Presentations**

Chris Stinson and Amanda Horton shared a School Growth Presentation for Anson High School and Ansonville Elementary School

##### **Advisory Council Meetings**

Dr. Ratliff spoke about the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Meeting. He said he felt it would be powerful for board members to hear the students as well.

**Consent Items**

The board approved the following consent agenda items (Personnel Report, School Improvement Plans and Sole Source Justification Form for Presentation System South) on a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Frank Liles. The motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Lisa Davis moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Frank Liles seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

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Dr. George Truman, Chairman

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Dr. Brian Ratliff, Secretary