

Minutes

Anson County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 30, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 30, 2012. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Chief Operating Officer), Michael McLeod (Executive Director), Holly Berry (Chief Financial Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Anne Hyatt (Clerk to the Board of Education).

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Lisa Davis opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

B. Invocation

Chair Davis asked Rob Rollins to give the Invocation.

C. Conflict of Interest Statement

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, Chair Davis reminded Board Members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. She asked if members of the Board knew of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before them during this meeting. Mr. Sikes indicated a conflict of interest with the personnel report and therefore did not participate in the vote. There were no other conflicts of interest communicated by the remaining members. Chair Davis then requested that if, during the course of the meeting, other members become aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest that they bring the matter to her attention. She further explained it would then be the member's duty to abstain from participating in discussion and from voting on the matter.

D. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board upon a motion by Russell Sikes, with a second by Rob Rollins. Motion carried.

E. Approve Minutes

**(Regular Meeting 03-26-12)
(Budget Workshop Meeting 04-05-12)**

(Budget Workshop Meeting 04-19-12)

George Truman moved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2012 in addition to the budget workshops of April 5, 2012 and April 19, 2012, be approved. This motion was seconded by Russell Sikes, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

F. Closed Session

- Matters Related To Personnel

Chair Davis entertained a motion that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a) (6). This motion was made by Beulah Pratt, seconded by Michael Livingston and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m.

Discussion pertaining to personnel was discussed and no action was taken.

@. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:43 p.m. upon a motion by Michael Livingston Sikes, seconded by Russell Sikes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

@. Public Comment (limited to three minutes, 20 minutes total)

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Public Comment is limited to three minutes per speaker. Speakers may offer objective comments about school operations and programs. The Board will not permit any expression of personnel complaints nor defamatory comments about the Board of Education personnel and students or against any person connected with the Anson County School System. Security issues and matters relating to negotiations/grievances will not be permitted.

Lyndel Ingram (Mayor of Ansonville) was present to ask for a summer program for Ansonville children. He also asked if children and citizens of Ansonville be allowed to use the school playground and gym for basketball. His last comment was that he hopes the board makes a great selection for principal.

Chuck Little was present to explain his outrage at actions of the district leader in reference to him seeking other jobs and covering it up. He asked the board what was going to be done to rectify and keep this from happening again.

Vancine Sturdivant was present to offer an apology regarding a misleading e-mail she sent out recently. She also stated Mr. Willie Owens is a great Principal at Wadesboro Elementary School.

Mr. Donnie Pratt asked if it was possible for the board to recognize Mr. Marion Ratliff with an award for the outstanding work he does for the kids in our community

I. Chair's Report

- **Public Engagement:** Several members reported on public engagement opportunities where they have visited schools and attended school activities and meetings. Daniel Wilson explained he recently attended a PTO Meeting at Anson High School and encouraged others to attend as well.

- **Resolution Requesting Elimination of Discretionary Budget Reversions to State:** Russell Sikes made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented to request elimination of discretionary budget reversions to the State. The motion was seconded by George Truman and unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

- **Conversation with County Commissioners:** Chair Davis said she has had a conversation with Chair Baucom with the County Commissioners and they would like to request approval from their respective boards to allow them the opportunity to have conversation and exchange questions and return with feedback as they fill this will be a more productive and a more beneficial meeting. Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by George Truman. The motion was approved unanimously. Motion carried.

- **May Board Meeting Date Change:** Chair Davis asked if the board would entertain the idea of having the board meeting date for May changed from May 21 to May 29. Rob Rollins made the motion to change the board meeting date for May to May 29. Marilynn Bennett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

@. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- **Resource Impact Survey:** Dr. Firn gave an overview of the Resource Impact Survey and results that were conducted from March 20, 2012 to April 2, 2012. He explained that administration invited classroom teachers and building principals to complete the survey regarding the use of effectiveness of instructional resources in the classroom. Dr. Firn said respondents were asked to rate how often they use each program/resource as well as rating the effect each program has on student learning. He highlighted that 45% of staff participated with the largest participation coming from elementary teachers.

- **Professional Development /Programming:**

- **Project Seed –** Dr. Firn said Project Seed will come in June and July to work with Math (Common Core Essential Standards). Dr. Truman asked why there was an additional line for travel expenses being invoiced. Ms. Berry said that line needs to be removed from the contract. Dr. Firn indicated they will make changes to the contract.

- **Just for Kicks –** Dr. Truman asked if there needed to be a disclaimer or release for students in the contract. Dr. Firn and Ms. Berry said they will check and follow-up with members.

- **AIG Plan:** Georgia Maner was present to give an outline of the AIG Plan. She said they plan to have a program that is co-taught at Wadesboro Elementary School. Ms. Maner mentioned that students in grades 4-6 will come one day a week to participate in activities related to the extension of the new

common core, enrichment, planetarium use, etc and she indicated activities will also involve the use of technology.

Dr. Firn said students will go to their home school initially and will then be shuttled to the AIG site. He further stated administration is asking to approve in concept (this plan) with details that still need to be worked out. He said the board is not approving funding just the concept of the plan. He mentioned that Ms. Maner is under pressure to notify the state regarding approval.

0. Consent Items

Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by Bobbie Little, the Consent Items were approved by the board (Personnel Report, Proposed Budget, Budget Amendments, Lottery Applications, Ombudsman Second Amendment Atlantic Research Partners, Brantley Electronic Supply Contract, Two-Year Technology Plan, AIG Plan, Meal Prices for SY 2012-2013 and Field Trip Request for AHS). Motion carried.

12. Old Business

Policy 6560 Disposal of Surplus Property: Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Beulah Pratt, Policy 6560 Disposal of Surplus Property was unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Livingston. The motion was seconded by

Beulah Pratt. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting

adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary