

Minutes

Anson County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Charles Riddle Staff Development Center

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2013. All members were present. Others in attendance were Howard McLean (Executive Director), Holly Berry (Chief Financial Officer), Mary Ratliff (Executive Director) and Mike Flake (Board Attorney).

A. Call to Order

Chair Lisa Davis opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

B. Invocation

Chair Davis asked Russell Sikes 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. Carol Ann Gibson indicated a conflict with a name on the Personnel Report (Ms. Gibson also mentioned the name "Carly Gibson" on the Personnel Report should be spelled "Carli" instead of "Carly". Mr. Freeman assured Ms. Gibson he would correct the spelling.) There were no other conflicts of interest communicated by the members. Chair Davis then requested that if, during the course of the meeting, members became 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 Mike Turner, with a second by Frank Liles. Motion carried.

E. Approve Minutes

(Special Meeting 07-25-13)
(Regular Meeting 07-29-13)
(Special Meeting 08-19-13)

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Carol Ann Gibson, the special meeting minutes of July 25, 2013, the regular meeting minutes of July 29, 2013 and the special meeting minutes of August 19, 2013, were unanimously approved by the board. 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 Russell Sikes, seconded by Mike Turner and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m.

There was no action taken.

@. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:42 p.m. upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Beulah Pratt. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

@. Recognition There was no recognition.

I. Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

Public Comment is limited to five 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.

On behalf of the Anson High School staff, Dannie Montgomery presented the board with a thank you note for the wonderful employee opening day convocation that was held on August 20, 2013. Furthermore, on behalf of all Anson County Schools' employees, she thanked the board for a wonderful start to the school year and for their support of all employees of Anson County Schools.

J. Chair's Report

- Public Engagement: Several members spoke about public engagement they were involved in where they visited schools and the community. Members commented on the cleanliness of our

schools and how well the employee convocation went that was held on August 20, 2013.

- Raleigh Dingman Award Nomination: Chair Davis made a motion to nominate Ms. Pratt for the Raleigh Dingman Award. The motion was seconded by Russell Sikes and unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

- County Commissioners of the Year Award Nomination: Chair Davis made a motion to nominate the Anson County Board of County Commissioners for the County Commissioners of the Year Award. The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

- Leadership Award for School Board Member Nomination: Chair Davis stated this is a new award to recognize a school board member who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership during the 2012-2013 school year. Chair Davis made a motion to nominate Russell Sikes for this award. The motion was seconded by George Truman and unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

@. Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Freeman gave a summary of the events and activities he has been a part of during the past month as well as a report on community engagement, budget, current job postings/personnel, community use of facilities and current projects update.

@. Consent Items

Chair Davis explained there was a request to remove a08 from Consent Items (McGraw-Hill School Education) and move it to New Business for discussion. Mike Turner made a motion to approve the Consent Items (a01-a07). Russell Sikes seconded the motion and the board approved the following Consent Items: Personnel Report, 2013-2014 Budget Resolution, Lottery Project Application for Wadesboro Primary School, Lease Agreement (with service) between ACS and Hendrix Business Systems, Inc., Child Nutrition Procurement Plan, Applied Data Contract, and Camcor Contract. Carol Ann Gibson abstained from voting on the consent items due to a conflict of interest with a name on the personnel report. Motion carried.

M. New Business

McGraw-Hill School Education, LLC.: Ms. Bennett asked for more information on this contract and if there was an assessment piece associated with this program. Mr. Freeman said this product was selected based on input from teachers across the district. He said he brought all teachers to the district office to view several products to identify the components they felt would best meet our needs. Mr. Freeman confirmed there would be a diagnostic tool associated with this product. Mrs. Jennifer McLaurin was present to chime in on further explanation of this product. Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by George Truman, the McGraw-Hill School Education Contract was unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

N. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Liles, seconded by Carol Ann Gibson.

There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary