

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 17, 2012, 5:30 p.m.
Charles Riddle Staff Development Center

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2012. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Deputy Superintendent), Howard McLean (Executive Director), Holly Berry (Chief Financial Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Anne Hyatt (Clerk to the Board of Education).

I. Call to Order

Superintendent Greg Firn opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. Policy 2200 (Election of Officers/Organization of Board)

Superintendent Firn explained the process of the election of officers and asked for nominations for Chair. Mike Turner nominated George Truman. Dr. Truman thanked Mr. Turner for the nomination but he declined and said he could not serve in that capacity at this time. George Truman nominated Lisa Davis. Russell Sikes seconded the nomination. Carol Ann Gibson made a motion to close the nominations for Chair and Russell Sikes seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Carol Ann Gibson, the board voted unanimously to elect Lisa Davis as Chair. Motion carried.

Russell Sikes nominated Bobbie Little for Vice-Chair and George Truman seconded the nomination. Lisa Davis made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-Chair and George Truman seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Frank Liles, the board voted unanimously to elect Bobbie Little as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

III. Invocation

Chair Davis asked George Truman to give the Invocation.

IV. 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. There were no 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.

V. Adopt Agenda

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

VI. Approve Minutes

(Regular Meeting 11-19-12)

George Truman moved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2012, be approved. This motion was seconded by Marilynn Bennett and unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

VII. 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 Frank Liles, seconded by Russell Sikes and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 5:36 p.m.

Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Carol Ann Gibson, the board voted to rescind the termination of Mr. Felix Blakney and allow Dr. Firn to accept his resignation effective May 29, 2012. George Truman, Marilynn Bennett and Mike Turner removed themselves from voting. Motion carried.

VIII. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:45 p.m. upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Carol Gibson. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

IX. 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.

Mr. Elwood Greene was present to speak about having the Anson High School Stadium Press Box named after David Thomas who was a life-long announcer for Anson athletics. Dr. Firn said after some research this could be on the agenda for action at the January 28, 2013, board meeting.

X. Chair's Report

- Moment of Silence: Chair Davis asked visitors to share a moment of silence with the board to remember the Connecticut tragedy.
- Board Meeting: Chair Davis gave notification that a board meeting will be held on January 2 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.
- Public Engagement: Several members spoke about public engagement they were involved in where they visited schools, attended school functions and events, etc.

XI. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

Russell Sikes asked for clarification on the number of computers that have been purchased out of local dollars. Ms. Berry said three computers (to date) have been purchased out of local dollars.

XII. Consent Items

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by George Truman, the following Consent Items were approved by the board: Personnel Report (Certified A1-A4, Classified B1-B2), Budget Amendments, Discovery Techbook Contract, ETR Services Continuation Contract, Organizational Assessment Contract, Futures Education Contract Extension, Proposed Strategic Commitments, and Field Trip Request (AHS Majorettes). Motion carried.

XIII. Old Business – listen to tape for Truman's questions about OA and Strategic Commitments.

- 7000 Series Policies: Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Beulah Pratt the 7000 series policies listed below were approved by the board. Motion carried.
 - 7400 Job Descriptions
 - 7405 Extracurricular and Non-Instructional Duties
 - 7415 Professional Personnel Contracts
 - 7423 Assistant/Associate Superintendent Contracts
 - 7428 Principals – Qualifications and Duties
 - 7430 Substitute Teachers
 - 7440 Assignments/Reassignment/Transfers
 - 7505 Compliance with State Board of Education Employment Policies
 - 7530 Military Leave
 - 7550 Absences Due to Inclement Weather
 - 7610 Defense of Board Employees
 - 7720 Employee Political Activities
 - 7910 Retirement
 - 7921 Classified Personnel Reduction

XIV. New Business

- Policy 3226/4205 Internet Safety
- Policy 3225/4312/7320 Technology Responsible Use
 - Chair Davis stated these two policies would lie on the table until the next board meeting for possible approval.

XV. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Liles, seconded by Beulah Pratt.

There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary