

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Called (Budget) Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. All members were present except for an absence by Daniel Wilson. Others in attendance were Holly Berry (Chief Finance Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), Michael Freeman (Executive Director), Anne Hyatt (Board Assistant), Michael McLeod (Executive Director) and Frances Williamson (Deputy Superintendent).

I. Call to Order

Board Chairperson Lisa Davis opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. Invocation

Chairperson Davis asked Rob Rollins to give the Invocation.

III. Adopt Agenda

The agenda for today was unanimously adopted by the Board upon a motion by Russell Sikes with a second by Michael Livingston. Motion carried.

IV. Closed Session

- Matters Related To Personnel

Chairperson 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 Jackie Huntley seconded by Altheria Patton and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 7:02 p.m.

There was no action taken.

V. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 7:42 p.m. upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Michael Livingston. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VI. 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.

There was no one present to speak during this segment.

VII. Chair's Report

- Board Opportunity: Chair Davis said in light of the budget changes that Governor Purdue has sent down to state employees and showing that the board is unified in all things as a board and as a school system, she asked that the board consider also taking a reduction in salary that the board receives from meetings. She said this would show the board's support and the solidarity with the employees of the school system. Chair Davis would like to propose this idea and see what the board's thoughts are. Rob Rollins made a motion that the Board take a reduction to mirror what the reductions that the state employees are having in their annual salaries. Jackie Huntley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Motion carried.
- District 7: Chair Davis said at this time, there has not been an appointment of the vacancy created by the passing of Mrs. Bell. She stated that it has come to her attention that there is some concern regarding the procedure that the board followed Monday night and, therefore, in the past in considering potential candidates for the appointment of the vacancy on the board, in order to address this concern, any and all communications, interviews, comments, statements or otherwise in regards to the qualifications, competency, performance, character, fitness or appointment of a member or potential member of this board shall be disregarded. She said the entire process of filling the vacancy created by Mrs. Bell's death by appointment by the remaining members of the board will start over. She said a notice will run in the local newspaper notifying anyone interested in being appointed as a member of the board of education 7th district shall submit a letter of interest to Mike Flake, Attorney for the Board of Education no later than June 1, 2009. She said the board will then select an individual by appointment and that individual (unless they decline the appointment) will serve until the next election of members of the board at which time the remaining, unexpired term of the office in which the vacancy has occurred shall be filled by the election.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- Budget – See Attached

IX. New Business

c.1 – Approve Proposed Budget

- A motion to approve the proposed budget that was presented by Dr. Firm and Holly Berry was made by Jackie Huntley, seconded by Russell Sikes and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

X. Calendar Item

- Rob Rollins invited and encouraged the board members and staff to attend a Ruby Payne Workshop on Saturday, June 6, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. He said a location has not been confirmed (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.).

XI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Russell Sikes. The motion was seconded by Jackie Huntley. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firm, Secretary