

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, August 31, 2009. All members were present except for an excused absence from Altheria Patton and Rob Rollins. Others in attendance were Frances Williamson (Deputy Superintendent), Michael Freeman (Executive Director), Michael McLeod (Executive Director for Individual and Organizational Accountability), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), and Anne Hyatt (Clerk to the Board of Education).

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation

Chairperson Davis asked Daniel Wilson 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 Daniel Wilson. Motion carried.

IV. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 07-27-09 & Special Meeting 08-19-09)

Regular Meeting

Russell Sikes moved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2009, be approved. This motion was seconded by Jackie Huntley, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Special Meeting

Jackie Huntley moved the minutes of the Special Meeting (Joint Meeting with County Commissioners) of August 19, 2009, be approved. This motion was seconded by Russell Sikes, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

V. 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 Leon Gatewood seconded by Jackie Huntley and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:34 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VI. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:15 p.m. upon a motion by Jackie Huntley, seconded by Michael Livingston. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VII. 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 to speak during this segment.

VIII. Chair's Report

- *Raleigh Dingman Award* Nomination: Russell Sikes made a motion to nominate Dr. Altheria Patton for the *Raleigh Dingman Award* (if she is willing to accept the nomination). The motion was seconded by Michael Livingston and unanimously approved. Motion carried. In a memo from The NC School Boards' Association, the prestigious *Raleigh Dingman Award* will be presented during the Awards Ceremony of the Annual Conference on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at the Sheraton/Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The Raleigh Dingman winner serves as an ex officio member of the State Board of Education and represents NCSBA and the 115 local boards of education.
- *NCSBA County Commissioners Award*: Daniel Wilson made a motion to nominate the Anson County Board of County Commissioners for the NC School Boards' Association (NCSBA) County Commissioners Award. The NCSBA states this award recognizes a board of county commissioners for service to the local community through outstanding support of public elementary and secondary education. This award will be presented at the Awards Ceremony at the annual conference in November. The chairman of the recipient board of county commissioners will be invited to accept the award. Mr. Wilson praised the Board of County Commissioners for their outstanding support of the school system. This motion was seconded by Leon Gatewood. Motion carried.
- United Way: Dr. Firn explained that he is the current chair of the United Way campaign and asked for support from the members. He said this is a way the board could show support for the community. He stated that Anne Hyatt will furnish each member with a pledge form if they are interested in donating to the United Way.

IX. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- Budget: Dr. Firn said the budget will be presented in September for discussion and approval. He said the Local, Federal and State Budget will be submitted in a few weeks to the members for review.
- Make Your Day (MYD) (Michael Mcleod): Mr. Mcleod said the high school staff has been trained in MYD. He said Mr. Murphy is excited about MYD and would like to roll it out to the high school in January. Mr. McLeod said MYD has given the

system structure and a choice and the research says this is the best form of discipline the students can receive.

- Transportation: Dr. Firn said there will be a detailed report on ridership and efficiency presented at the September Board Meeting.
- Summer Programs: Dr. Firn said he will be providing a report showcasing all the summer programs at the September Board Meeting.
- NCAE Report: Dr. Firn said there may be a NCAE Report coming in the future. He said he wants to make sure the members hear about the leadership and what is going on in the NCAE on a monthly basis.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

c.1 – Personnel Report

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Beulah Pratt, personnel items A, B, C, and D presented by Dr. Firn, was approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.2 – Futures Healthcare Contract

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Daniel Wilson, the Futures Healthcare Contract was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.3 – Dual Enrollment Policy 6330

First Read – No Action

- Chair Davis said this policy will lay on the table for one month to possibly be approved at the September Board meeting.

c.4 – Child Nutrition Cafeteria Charge Policy 6240

First Read – No Action

- Chair Davis said this policy will lay on the table for one month to possibly be approved at the September Board meeting.

c.5 – Anson County Educational Foundation

- Michael Livingston made a motion for Dr. Firn and Mr. McLeod to serve on the Board of Directors for the Anson County Educational Foundation. The motion was seconded by Jackie Huntley. Motion carried.

XII. Calendar Items

- District 6 Regional Meeting – September 24, 2009, at Wadesboro Primary School. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. and General Session will follow at 4:00 p.m.
- Next School Board Meeting is September 28, 2009.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Leon Gatewood. The motion was seconded by Russell Sikes. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary