

**Minutes**  
**Anson County Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, August 29, 2011, 5:30 p.m.**

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, August 29, 2011. All members were present except for an excused absence from Rob Rollins. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Chief Operating Officer), Michael McLeod (Executive Director), Howard McLean (Executive Director), Juan Cordova (Chief Learning Officer), Holly Berry (Chief Finance Officer) and Anne Hyatt (Clerk to the Board of Education).

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Lisa Davis opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

**II. Invocation**

Chair Davis asked Rob Rollins to give the Invocation.

**III. 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. Russell Sikes mentioned a conflict of interest with the voting of the Personnel Report and indicated he will abstain from participating in discussion and voting. Chair Davis then requested that if, during the course of the meeting, other 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.

**IV. Adopt Agenda**

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

**V. Approve Minutes**

**(Regular Meeting 07-25-11)**

George Truman moved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 25, 2011, be approved. This motion was seconded by Marilynn Bennett, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**VI. 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 Beulah Pratt and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:35 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. **Reconvene Open Session**

- The Board returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Beulah Pratt. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. **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 for this section.

IX. **Chair's Report**

- Public Engagement: Members reported on public engagement opportunities where they have visited schools and attended school activities and meetings.
- Raleigh Dingman Award Nomination: Daniel Wilson made a motion to nominate Lisa Davis for the *Raleigh Dingman Award*. George Truman seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. Motion carried.

In addition to presenting a nomination for the *Raleigh Dingman Award*, Russell Sikes made a motion to nominate the Anson County Commissioners for the County Commissioners award. Chair Davis applauded the Commissioners for their support of our school system and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to them by administration. The motion was seconded by Daniel Wilson and was approved by the board. Motion carried.

- United Way: Chair Davis mentioned to board members about the opportunity for them to participate and pledge to United Way. She said pledge packets have been given to all members.

X. **Superintendent's Report – See Attached**

- Partnership Opportunity: Dr. Firn introduced Lisa Smothers with the Anson Record to discuss a Live online broadcasting opportunity. Ms. Smothers explained this would be done with a camcorder, laptop and internet connection where broadcasting is 100% live. She said live broadcasts on the web are not recordable by viewers and therefore no copies of the broadcast can be made. Ms. Smothers indicated they would like to begin this opportunity with the high school football games and hope to be able to work cooperatively with the athletic booster club on the details of this opportunity. She also said there is the opportunity to expand live broadcasting to other areas in addition to athletic events.

**XI. Consent Items**

Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by Michael Livingston, the Consent Items (Personnel Report and Anson Middle School Athletic Facility Improvements) were approved by the board. Motion carried.

**XII. New Business**

2010-2011 Budget Resolution

- The Board, upon a motion by Marilyn Bennett, seconded by Daniel Wilson, unanimously approved the 2011-2012 Budget Resolution. Motion carried.

Discovery Education Professional Development Training Agreement

- The Board, upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by Beulah Pratt, unanimously approved the Discovery Education Professional Development Training Agreement. Motion carried.

Learning Together Contract

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Beulah Pratt, the board voted to approve the contract between Anson County Schools and Learning Together to provide services for reading and math for AHS and MES with ARRA funding. Motion carried.

Suspension of Policy BDC (Adoption of Policies)

- Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Daniel Wilson, the board approved the suspension of policy BDC for the purpose of taking action to adopt the 4270/6145 Concussion and Head Injury Policy. Motion carried.

4270/6145 Concussion and Head Injury Policy

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by George Truman, the 4270/6145 Concussion and Head Injury Policy was adopted and approved by the board. Motion carried.

2000 Policies (First Read)

- Chair Davis said the 2000 Series Policies listed below will lay on the table until the next board meeting at which time they will be brought forward for approval.
  - 2000 Operational Goals of the Board
  - 2010 Board and Superintendent Relations
  - 2100 Board Member Legal Status
  - 2110 Board Member Elections
  - 2115 Unexpired Term Fulfillment
  - 2116 Removal from Office
  - 2120 Code of Ethics for School Board Members
  - 2121 Board Member Conflict of Interest
  - 2122 Role of Board Members in Handling Complaints
  - 2123 Board Member Opportunities for Development
  - 2125/7315 Confidential Information
  - 2130 Board Member Compensation and Expenses
  - 2200 Election of Officers/Organization of Board
  - 2210 Duties of Officers
  - 2220 Official School Spokesperson
  - 2230 Board Committees
  - 2300 Board Meetings
  - 2310 Public Participation at Board Meetings

- 2320 Compliance With the Open Meetings Law
- 2321 Closed Sessions
- 2325 Board Meeting News Coverage
- 2330 Board Meeting Agenda
- 2335 Advance Delivery of Meeting Materials
- 2340 Parliamentary Procedures
- 2341 Quorum
- 2342 Voting Methods
- 2400 Board Policies
- 2410 Policy Development
- 2420 Adoption of Policies
- 2430 Dissemination and Preservation of Policies
- 2440 Policy Review and Evaluation
- 2450 Suspension of Board Policies
- 2460 Administration in Policy Absence
- 2470 Administrative Procedures
- 2475 School Rules
- 2500 Hearings Before the Board
- 2600 Consultants to the Board
- 2610 Board Attorney
- 2650 Liaison with School Boards Associations

Daniel Wilson mentioned the idea of Master Board Training. Chair Davis asked members to e-mail her if they are interested in participating in this training. After further discussion from the board regarding Master Board Training, Chair Davis asked Dr. Firn to plan a board retreat for board training in lieu of Master Board Training.

**XIII. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by George Truman. The motion was seconded by Michael Livingston. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

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Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary