

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, February 25, 2008. All members were present except for the excused absences of Altheria Patton and Lannie Allen.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation

Chairperson Davis asked M.R. Bell 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 Lorenzo Steele. Motion carried.

IV. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 01/28/08)

M. R. Bell moved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 28, 2008, be approved. This motion was seconded by Jackie Huntley, and unanimously approved.

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 Russell Sikes, seconded by Lorenzo Steele, and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VI. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:24 p.m. upon a motion by Russell Sikes seconded by Lorenzo Steele. 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.

Elaine Scarborough and Shana Pealer were present to speak during the Public Comment segment. Mrs. Scarborough invited the members to volunteer to go to a childcare center or family home in Anson County and read a Dr. Seuss book during the months of March and April. Mrs. Scarborough explained that when the book is taken to the center or home to be read, the matching character to the book and the book itself can be left with the children. Mrs. Scarborough provided each member with a sign up sheet to be completed and given to Anne Hyatt or taken to the Partnership for Children office.

Mrs. Scarborough further commented that it will give each member the opportunity to visit childcare facilities in Anson County, to see what they are like and to observe what the children are doing in those facilities.

Dr. Don Altieri and Dr. George Truman were also present to speak during the Public Comment segment of the meeting. Dr. Altieri explained that he and Dr. Truman both serve as co-chairs of the Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium and Science Center Project. Dr. Altieri revealed that since the fall of 2007, approximately one thousand students (Pre-K through Grade 12), the Early College High School and students from three surrounding counties have had a science-related educational experience in the Planetarium and Science Center. Dr. Altieri said in addition to that, close to 500 youth and adults have attended holiday community shows in the Planetarium. Dr. Altieri also explained that three Science Summer Camps will be held at the Planetarium and Science Center again this year and scholarships will be available for interested students.

Dr. Altieri said that a creation of a mobile science lab is currently in the works. He said there has been a \$1500 check given by the Rotary District 7680 plus matching funds that the Rotary Club will be putting into the mobile science lab project. Dr. Altieri explained that the lab will be able to transport delicate equipment and can be used on science field trips. He added that money has been raised to complete the Progress Energy Cyber Center located in the Science Center. He said twenty wireless laptops have been purchased and have been installed along with a charging cabinet for the computers. Dr. Truman then presented two checks totaling \$18,135.19 for the laptops and the charging carts to Dr. Firn. Dr. Altieri said Progress Energy provided \$12,000 for this project and the remainder came from local donations and the Wadesboro Rotary Club.

VIII. Chair's Report

Chair Davis asked Lorenzo Steele if he would share information that he received while attending the Law Conference. Mr. Steele gave an overview of the

conference and asked the members to let him know if they would like a copy of the materials from the meeting.

IX. Superintendent's Report

- See Attached
- Budget Process – Dr. Firn explained that they are in the initial stages of the budget process. He said he will have a much greater, detailed report that will be coming in the weekly report. Dr. Firn said the Board will be asked to identify what they perceive to be priorities and part of that will come from the joint meeting with the county commissioners on March 4th.

X. New Business

c.1 – Personnel Report

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Lorenzo Steele, personnel items A, B, C, and H presented by Dr. Firn, were approved by the Board. Motion carried. These items not requiring Board approval are attached.

c.2 – Field Trip Request

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by M. R. Bell, the field trip request from Lilesville Elementary School was approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.3 – ADM Application for Bond Repayment

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Lorenzo Steele the ADM Application for Bond Repayment was approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.4 – ADM Application for Technology

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Michael Livingston the ADM Application for Technology was approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.5 – June 2008 Board Meeting

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Rob Rollins and approved by the Board, the June 30, 2008 scheduled Board Meeting was changed to Thursday, June 26, 2008. Motion carried.

c.6 – 2008-2009 Board Meeting Dates

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Jackie Huntley the 2008-2009 Board of Education proposed meeting dates were approved by the Board. Motion carried.

XI. Calendar Items

- Annual Planning Meeting (Board of Education and County Commissioners) Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Office.
- School Board Meeting – Monday, March 17, 2008.
- Easter Break – Friday, March 21 – Friday, March 28, 2008.
- NSBA Annual Conference (March 29-April 1) – Let Dr. Firm know by February 1st if you plan to attend.
- AMS and AHS Athletic Schedules

XII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by M. R. Bell. The motion was seconded by Michael Livingston. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firm, Secretary