

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, February 28, 2011. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Chief Operating Officer), Michael McLeod (Executive Director), and Mike Flake (Board Attorney).

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Lisa Davis opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. Invocation

Chair Davis gave 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. 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.

IV. Adopt Agenda

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

V. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 01-31-11)

Marilynn Bennett moved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 31, 2011, be approved. This motion was seconded by Russell Sikes, 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 George Truman, seconded by Marilyn Bennett and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:36 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 Michael Livingston. 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 to speak during this segment.

IX. **Chair's Report**

- Public Engagement: Several members reported on public engagement opportunities where they have visited schools and attended school activities and meetings.
- Filling Vacant Position: Mike Flake clarified to the board that the remaining members would appoint a successor to the vacant seat and the seat must be filled by a citizen from District 7. Dr. Firn said the board can advertise and letters of interest could be sent to Mr. Flake. He then added the slate of individuals could be brought to the board as long as it is in open session. Dr. Firn said this has been the process that has taken place in the past. Chair Davis asked Mr. Flake to advertise for the vacant position for letters of interest. She said those applicants would be shared with the board after the deadline date for the board to review.

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

- Budget Development Workshops: Dr. Firn reminded the board of the upcoming budget workshops that will take place on April 7 and April 14 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the board meeting room. He said an additional budget workshop date has been scheduled for Monday, April 18th at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. if needed (prior to the board's regular meeting).
- Anson Climate Survey Report: Dr. Firn discussed the main findings from the executive summary. He pointed out that 1,036 high school students, 260 teachers and 270 parents responded to the survey. Dr. Firn said the schools will be breaking this data down by looking at the district data and their school data.

XI. **Old Business**

c.01 – **Fund Type & Fund Balance Classifications (Policy 8301)**

- Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by Russell Sikes, policy 8301 was approved by the board. Motion carried.

c.02 – **Fiscal Management Standards (Policy 8300)**

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Michael Livingston, policy 8300 was approved by the board. Motion carried.

c.03 – **Parental Involvement (1310/4002)**

- Upon a motion by Marilyn Bennett, seconded by George Truman, policy 1310/4002 was approved by the board. Motion carried.

c.04 – **Title I Parent Involvement (1320/3560)**

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Daniel Wilson, policy 1320/3560 was approved by the board. Motion carried.

XII. **New Business**

c.01 – **Personnel Report**

- Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by Beulah Pratt, personnel items A, B, and D as presented by Dr. Firn, were approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.02 – **Budget Amendments**

State, Federal, Capital Outlay, Supplemental Services Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments:

- Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by Russell Sikes, the board voted to approve the State, Federal, Capital Outlay, Supplemental Services Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendments. Motion carried.

c.03 – **Lottery Applications**

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Bobbie Little, the lottery applications as presented were approved by the board. Motion carried.

c.04 – **Procurement Plan (Child Nutrition Program)**

- Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Michael Livingston, the board approved the Procurement Plan for the Child Nutrition Program as presented. Motion carried.

- c.05 – **Child Nutrition Surplus Items**
 - Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by Michael Livingston, the board approved the Child Nutrition items as surplus. Motion carried.
- c.06 – **NCSBA Analysis SB.8: No Cap On Charter Schools**
 - Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by George Truman, the board approved the adoption of the resolution expressing opposition to the bill and requesting modifications. Motion carried.
- c.07 – **Consent Agenda (Policy 2330)**
- c.08 – **Wireless Phone Policy (Policy 6523/7325) (Amended)**
 - Chair Davis stated policy 2330 and policy 6523/7325 are for first-read only and will be placed on the March agenda for possible approval.

XIII. **Adjourn**
A motion to adjourn was made by Russell Sikes. The motion was seconded by Michael Livingston. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary