

**Minutes**  
**Anson County Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, January 26, 2009, 5:30 p.m.**

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, January 26, 2009. All members were present except for the excused absence of Mrs. M. R. Bell. Others in attendance were 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. Superintendent Firm called the meeting to order.

**II. Invocation**

Chairperson Davis asked Russell Sikes to give the Invocation.

**III. Elect Chair and Vice Chair**

Every two years, the board of education, as stated in board policy, must re-organize the Board offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. At this time in the meeting, as stated in the rules, the Chairperson relinquished her place on the Board in order for the Superintendent to preside during the re-organization of the Board.

After reading the rules of order for re-organization of the Board, Dr. Firm opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board. Russell Sikes nominated Lisa Davis as Chairperson and Altheria Patton as Vice Chairperson. Jackie Huntley seconded the nominations. Lisa Davis and Altheria Patton were elected by unanimous vote by the Board to serve for the two year term as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

There were no other nominations. Rob Rollins moved the nominations be closed. This motion was seconded by Michael Livingston and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**IV. Adopt Agenda**

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

**V. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 12-15-08)**

Altheria Patton moved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2008, be approved. This motion was seconded by Jackie Huntley, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

## **VI. 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 Rob Rollins seconded by Jackie Huntley and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:32 p.m.

## **VII. Reconvene Open Session**

- The Board returned to open session at 6:32 p.m. upon a motion by Michael Livingston seconded by Russell Sikes. 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.**

Subrina Hough, Leon Gatewood, Vancine Sturdivant, Donnie Lewis, Salena Tyson, Jarvis Woodburn, Rev. Freddie Little, Minister Henry Walker, Lynn Horton, Minister Greg Williamson, Reverend James Smith Jr., Pastor Danny Williamson and Shirley Hardin were all present to speak about Teen Pregnancy. Ms. Hough requested the Board consider what the facts say about Teen Pregnancy in Anson County and then take a close look at the current policy and see whether it is a fit or mismatch. Ms. Hough also requested the Board look at the proposed curriculum that was distributed to each member. She said if the Board adopts or considers this curriculum, she would like it to be on public view at the library.

Angelica Smith, YKeshia Campbell, and Angela Burns were all present to speak about a topic related to Anson Challenge Academy.

## **IX. Chair's Report**

- Joint Meeting with County Commissioners is Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center.
- Chair Davis asked Anne Hyatt to select a planning committee for the District 6 Meeting in September 2009, in which the Board of Education is hosting.
- Public Comment Topic Discussion (Teen Pregnancy): Chair Davis suggested (with the board's permission) that she will look into selecting a committee to discuss the Teen Pregnancy topic. The list of committee members will be brought before the board meeting in February. Rob Rollins asked the board for permission to contact the individuals that were present during Public Comment to inform them of the next steps.

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

**XI. New Business**

**c.1 – Personnel Report**

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Michael Livingston, personnel items A, B, C, and D with the amendment to delete presented by Dr. Firm, were approved by the Board. Motion carried.

**c.2 – 2009-2010 School Calendar**

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Jackie Huntley, personnel items A, B, C, and D presented by Dr. Firm, were approved by the Board. Motion carried.

**c.2 – Budget Amendments**

- A motion to approve the Local, State and Federal Budget Amendments as presented by Dr. Firm was given by Michael Livingston, seconded by Rob Rollins. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

**XII. Calendar Items**

- NSBA Annual Conference – April 4-7, 2009 (San Diego)

**XIII. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Rollins. The motion was seconded by Michael Livingston. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

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Dr. Gregory Firm, Secretary