

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, July 25, 2011. All members were present except for an excused absence from Daniel Wilson. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Chief Operating Officer), Michael McLeod (Executive Director), Howard McLean (Executive Director), Juan Cordova (Chief Learning 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. 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 George Truman. Motion carried.

V. Approve Minutes

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Michael Livingston moved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 30, 2011, be approved. This motion was seconded by Rob Rollins, 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 Bobbie Little and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:40 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 present to speak for this section.

IX. Chair's Report

- Public Engagement: Dr. George Truman said he attended the Regional School Boards' Association's Annual Conference.
- Superintendent Evaluation Results: Rob Rollins stated that the Superintendent's Review Committee (which consisted of Lisa Davis, Daniel Wilson and Rob Rollins) recently conducted the Superintendent's Evaluation. Rev. Rollins moved Dr. Firn receive an 86.5% rating. Russell Sikes seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. Motion carried.

X. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- CTE Plan: Dr. Firn reviewed the CTE Plan as presented to the Board. He mentioned that Literacy and Mathematics must be integrated into each CTE Program. Dr. Firn indicated the plan is solid and is moving into a direction to provide more options. He further stated the CTE plan will now go before the Board of Education for approval.
- Title I Plan: Dr. Firn reviewed the Title I plan as presented to the Board. He said the new planning system requires specific goals and action steps be identified in the plan. He confirmed the Title I Plan has already been signed off by the regional and state level. He said it will now go before the Board of Education for approval. Dr. Firn added that they will be having a comprehensive review of the Preschool Program and the reason is to look at the program as far as the funding model, the selection criteria as well as processes and procedures.
- Testing Data: Dr. Firn explained and reviewed the testing data as presented with the Board. He detailed terminology regarding Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) and how it's achieved. Dr. Firn continued his review by discussing specific school testing data.

XI. Consent Items

Upon a motion by Marilyn Bennett, seconded by Michael Livingston, the Consent Items (Personnel Report, CTE Plan, Title I Plan, Beginning Teacher Support Plan and the Meal Prices for 2011-2012) were approved by the board. Motion carried.

XII. Old Business

b.01 - 4000 Series Policies

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by George Truman the 4000 Series Policies listed below were approved by the board. Motion carried.
 - 3470/4305 Alternative Learning Programs/Schools
 - 4300 Student Behavior Policies
 - 4301 Authority of School Personnel
 - 4302 School Plan for Management of Student Behavior
 - 4307 Disciplinary Action for Exceptional Children/Students with Disabilities
 - 4310 Integrity and Civility
 - 4315 Disruptive Behavior
 - 4316 Student Dress Code
 - 4318 Use of Wireless Communication Devices
 - 4320 Tobacco Products – Students
 - 4325 Drugs and Alcohol
 - 4328 Gang-Related Activity
 - 4330 Theft, Trespass and Damage to Property
 - 4331 Assaults, Threats and Harassment
 - 4333 Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats and Clear Threats to Safety
 - 4340 School-Level Investigations
 - 4341 Parental Involvement in Student Behavior Issues
 - 4345 Student Discipline Records
 - 4351 Short-Term Suspension
 - 4352 Removal of Student During the Day
 - 4353 Long-Term Suspension, 365- Day Suspension, Expulsion
 - 4362 Requests for Readmission of Students Suspended for 365 Days or Expelled
 - 4370 Student Discipline Hearing Procedures
 - 4400 Attendance

XIII. New Business

c.01 - Suspension of Policy BDC (Adoption of Policies)

- Rob Rollins moved the Suspension of Policy BDC be approved for the purpose of taking action to amend and adopt the revised Travel Compensation Policy 7650/8620 and the revised Internet Acceptable Use Policy IFAC/GAMAE. The motion was seconded by Russell Sikes and unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

c.02 - Travel Compensation Policy 7650/8620

- Marilyn Bennett asked if our rate was more than the state rate. Rob Rollins suggested administration delete “on July 1 of the fiscal year beginning” in (2) under mileage reimbursement. Russell Sikes made a motion to delete “on July 1 of the fiscal year beginning” in (2) under mileage reimbursement and approve the policy. George Truman seconded the motion and policy 7650/8620 was unanimously approved by the board with suggested revisions. Motion carried.

c.03 - **Internet Acceptable Use Policy 3225/7320 IFAC/GAMAE (Amended)**

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Rob Rollins, the board voted to approve and adopt the amended Policy 3225/7320 IFAC/GAMAE (reflective of the latest CIPA – Child Internet Protection Act Requirements and Technology State Standards) that will replace the current Policy 3225/7320 IFAC/GAMAE. Motion carried.

c.04 - **Contracts:**

Pitsco Education

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Beulah Pratt, the board voted to approve the Pitsco Education Contract to provide pilot programs for Pre-Algebra and Algebra I and to provide two hands-on Elementary Science Labs with ARRA Funding. Motion carried.

Camcor

- Upon a motion by Beulah Pratt, seconded by George Truman, the board voted to approve the Camcor Contract for the purchase of 19 Interactive White Boards with ARRA Funding. Motion carried.

Apple

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by George Truman, the board voted to approve the purchase of computers with Apple Education Company using ARRA Funding. Motion carried.

XIV. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Russell Sikes. The motion was seconded by George Truman. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary