

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, June 26, 2008. All members were present except for the excused absence of M. R. Bell.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Invocation

Chairperson Davis asked Rob Rollins 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 Lannie Allen. Motion carried.

IV. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 05-19-08)

Russell Sikes moved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2008, be approved. This motion was seconded by Rob Rollins, 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 Jackie Huntley seconded by Lorenzo Steele and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m.

Dr. Firm informed the Board of Statute 115C-435 School Finance Officer and the request to confer upon the County Finance Officer the duties of school finance officer until such time that a permanent finance officer was recommended and approved. Further discussion included the procedure for confirmation as follows: The superintendent will meet with county manager and Board of Commissioners to present the request by the BOE to confer duties of finance officer on the County's finance officer. Once approved by the Board of Commissioners, the motion to confer aforementioned duties would be acted upon immediately following the Board of Commissioners action via phone. The Board of Education agreed to be available between 11:00 - 11:30 AM Friday.

No was no other action was taken.

VI. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:55 p.m. upon a motion by Michael Livingston seconded by Altheria Patton. 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.

There were no requests to speak during this segment.

VIII. Chair's Report

There was no report for this section.

IX. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- CTE Preliminary 2008-2009 Plan – Dr. Firn explained to the members that the preliminary plan is available for viewing. He then made clear that the final CTE Plan will be presented to the members in August.

X. Old Business

c.1 – Policies JL (6141), JGCB (4110) and JGCC (4230):

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Michael Livingston, Board Policies JL (6141), JGCB (4110) and JGCC (4230) were approved by the Board. Motion carried.

XI. New Business

c.1 – Personnel Report

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Lannie Allen, personnel items A, B, D and F presented by Dr. Firn, were approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.2 – Seasonal Hourly Rate to \$8.50

- Upon a motion by Lannie Allen, seconded by Michael Livingston, the Seasonal Hourly Rate change to \$8.50 was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.3 – Final Budget Amendments

- A motion to approve all three budget amendments was given by Russell Sikes, seconded by Lannie Allen. There was an amendment given by Rob Rollins that requests Dr. Firn's approval by reviewing and signing off on the budget. The amendment was accepted and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.4 – Board Policies:

First Read – No Action

- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Policy (4235/6130/7263)
- School Plan for Management of Student Behavior Policy (4302)
- Rules for Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools (4302-R)
 - Chair Davis stated these policies will lie on the table for one month to be approved possibly at the July meeting. Dr. Firm asked the members to look over the policies and asked the members to let him know if they had questions

c.5 – Board Attorney Contract

- The question was asked if the contract was with Carpenter and Flake or only Michael Flake. Dr. Firm asked members to give Board Chair Lisa Davis authorization (after questions and concerns have been satisfied) to enter into a contract with Michael Flake.
- A motion was made by Lorenzo Steele to allow the board chair to sign a contract if it meets the standards (with Michael Flake) as we have in the past. The contract provided for Michael Flake to serve as the School Board Attorney for Anson County Schools will be effective from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2009. This motion was seconded by Michael Livingston and unanimously approved by the Board.

c.6 – Interim Budget Resolution

- The Board, upon a motion by Altheria Patton, seconded by Lorenzo Steele adopted the following Interim Budget Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Anson County Board of Education will continue to operate at the same level of funding as the 2007-2008 budget until such time as the 2008-2009 budget is adopted and approved.

XII. Calendar Items

- Holiday – Friday, July 4, 2008
- School Board 101 Training – July 16-17, 2008
- School Board Meeting – Monday, July 28, 2008

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 8:04 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firm, Secretary

Addendum to Minutes

Upon confirmation by the Anson County Board of Commissioners, the Anson County Board of Education conferred in the affirmative the duties of the Finance Officer on the County Finance Officer for the month of July.