

**Minutes**  
**Anson County Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 17, 2008, 5:30 p.m.**

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, March 17, 2008. All members were present except for the excused absence of Altheria Patton.

**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 Lorenzo Steele, with a second by Lannie Allen. Motion carried.

**IV. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 02/25/08 and Special Meeting 03/04/08)**

Rob Rollins moved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2008, be approved. This motion was seconded by Jackie Huntley, and unanimously approved. Russell Sikes moved the minutes of the joint meeting with County Commissioners on March 4, 2008, be approved. This motion was seconded by Michael Livingston 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 M. R. Bell, seconded by Michael Livingston, 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 6:30 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.**

There was no one present to speak during this segment.

## **VIII. Chair's Report**

- **Project Seed**

Chair Davis introduced William Glee and Howard Baker and asked them to explain Project Seed to the members. Mr. Glee began by explaining that they use mathematics as a tool to raise the academic self-confidence of students. He said they have unique techniques to get students engaged. Mr. Glee said they never lecture to the students; he explained that they only ask questions. Mr. Glee stated that they assist students to develop the mathematics language and concepts. Mr. Baker further explained that they also work with teachers on a professional development model. He clarified that the teachers are seeing them model the techniques in the classroom and they are coaching the teachers on how to increase participation of the students. Mr. Baker said they have had the opportunity to work with entire school staff about feedback techniques and questioning strategies. He explained that what is important about what they do is raising the student's self-image and concept of what they are capable of doing. Chair Davis asked Mr. Glee and Mr. Baker how much information they previously had on the students. Mr. Baker said they do not have any prior information on students and they ask the district to choose the school, the class and the students. He said they do not want to know anything about the students when they come in. Mr. Baker said when they arrive; their assumption is that all students can learn. He said it's their job to find out what they can do to stimulate the interest of the student. Mr. Baker said Anson County Schools' students are no different than any other student.

## **IX. Superintendent's Report**

- See Attached
- Presentation by AHS Administration – See Attached
- Scholars Academy Presentation (Georgia Maner) – See Attached
- Budget Performance Update – See Attached
- Budget Process (Dr. Firm) – See Attached

**X. New Business**

c.1 – Personnel Report

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

c.2 – Board Policy IHF: First Read – No Action

- Chair Davis stated that this policy will lie on the table for one month to be approved possibly at the April meeting.
- Dr. Firm asked the members to look over the highlighted changes in the policy. He asked the members to let him know if they had questions regarding the modifications.

c.3, c.4 and c.5 – Budget Amendments

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Lorenzo Steele, budget amendment to account 3100 Allocation State Public School Fund reflecting the increase of appropriation of \$2,254,177 in the State Public School Fund, budget amendment to accounts 3200, 3700, 4210, 4430, 4450, and 4490 reflecting the increase of revenues of \$953,495 in the Local Current Expense Fund, and budget amendment to accounts (attached) Federal Funds reflecting the increase of revenue of \$385,700 were all approved. Motion carried.

**XI. Calendar Items**

- NSBA Annual Conference – March 29 – April 1, 2008 (*16 hours*)
- Early Release Day – March 20, 2008
- Easter Break – March 21 – March 28, 2008
- NCSBA/NCASA Legislative Action Conference – April 10, 2008
- Non-Student Day (Unencumbered Workday) – April 28, 2008
- School Board Meeting – April 28, 2008
- Special Olympics – April 29, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at AHS

**XII. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by M. R. Bell. The motion was seconded by Lorenzo Steele. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

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Dr. Gregory Firm, Secretary