

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, March 28, 2011. All members were present. Others in attendance were Frances Williamson (Deputy Superintendent), Michael Freeman (Chief Operating Officer), Michael McLeod (Executive Director), Howard McLean (Executive Director), Juan Cordova (Chief Learning Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), 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 Michael Freeman 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

(Regular Meeting 02-28-11)

Russell Sikes moved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2011, be approved. This motion was seconded by Russell Sikes, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

(Joint Meeting 03-10-11)

Russell Sikes moved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2011, be approved. This motion was seconded by Marilynn Bennett, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

VI. NCSBA Policy Customization Project (Presentation)

Janine Murphy and Scott Murray gave a presentation on the process for the policy manual customization project. Ms. Murphy explained the project will take 18 – 24 months to complete. Mr. Murray went briefly through the customization process and asked members for questions. He said the initial drafts of Series 1000 (Governing Principles) will be e-mailed within the next two weeks for review. He further stated the board and administration could prioritize the order in which the policy series are customized by NCSBA.

VII. 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 Daniel Wilson, seconded by George Truman and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:42 p.m.

VIII. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Daniel Wilson. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

IX. **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.

Angelia Jeter, Pastor Iris Tillman and Dannie Montgomery were all present to speak about gaining support from the board for extending the current sales and use tax rate and the corporate and individual income surtaxes.

Carol Ann Gibson and Rob Rollins spoke about their interest in filling the District 7 Board of Education vacant seat.

X. **Chair’s Report**

- Public Engagement: Several members reported on public engagement opportunities where they have visited schools and attended school activities and meetings.
- NCAE/ACAE (Resolution): Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Marilyn Bennett, the board approved a resolution to support extending the current sales and use tax rate and the corporate and individual income surtaxes. Motion carried.
- District 7 Vacancy: Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Michael Livingston, the board approved using a simple majority vote to determine the successor of the District 7 position. Motion carried.

XI. **Superintendent’s Report – See Attached**

- Personnel Report – Dr. Little asked how many National Board Certified Teachers we currently have in our school system. Mr. Freeman said he will follow-up with her on that information and Anne will send it out to all members.

XII. **Consent Items**

Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by George Truman, the Consent Items were approved by the board. Motion carried.

XIII. **New Business**

c.01 – **New Board of Education Selection**

- Chair Davis asked for nominations from the board for the District 7 Seat. George Truman nominated Carol Gibson for the District 7 seat. Likewise, Daniel Wilson nominated Rob Rollins. Michael Livingston moved the nominations be closed. This motion was seconded by Russell Sikes. Motion carried.

After a ballot vote by board members, Rob Rollins was selected to replace the vacant District 7 Seat with a 4 to 3 vote (Russell Sikes abstained from voting). Lisa Davis, Daniel Wilson, Bobbie Little and Beulah Pratt voted for Rob Rollins. George Truman, Michael Livingston and Marilyn Bennett all voted for Carol Gibson.

c.02 – **Re-appointment of Cynthia Little to the SPCC Board**

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by George Truman, the board voted to re-appoint Cynthia Little to a four year term on the SPCC Board. 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 8:22 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary