

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 24, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, November 24, 2008. All members were present. 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.

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 Lannie Allen, with a second by Michael Livingston. Motion carried.

IV. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 10-27-08)

M. R. Bell moved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2008, be approved. This motion was seconded by Altheria Patton, 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 6:40 p.m. upon a motion by Russell Sikes seconded by M. R. Bell. 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.

Susan Poe was present to speak about and ask if there were any available funds or grants that could be used to help with improvements to the high school band department. Ms. Poe said the band needs chairs, music stands, and larger instruments (that are currently on loan from Wingate University). She said improvements have not been made to this department for around 10 years. Ms. Poe said she would like to see the band program continue to grow and explained that improvements would help make this happen. Chair Davis asked that Dr. Firn and/or his designee discuss this concern with the principal and follow-up with information.

VIII. Chair's Report

- Resolutions – the board presented Lannie Allen and Lorenzo Steele with a Resolution for their service as school board members. The Resolutions are as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N

- Whereas, Lannie Allen has faithfully and efficiently served the citizens of Anson County as a member of the Anson County Board of Education for a period of twelve years, and
- Whereas, he has performed the duties, tasks, and his responsibilities in an exemplary manner, and
- Whereas, he has made significant and lasting contributions to the improvement of education and to athletics in the Anson County Schools, and
- Whereas, he has been a source of inspiration to his fellow board members who respect his integrity, judgment and sense of fairness, and
- Whereas, he has shown sincere concern and compassion toward the children of Anson County, as well as, the entire school system.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Mr. Allen's fellow board members, as an expression of appreciation for his outstanding service, wish to record in the official board minutes a tribute to him, and

Further Resolved:

That a copy of this Resolution is presented to Mr. Allen with the Board's gratitude and best wishes.

Authorized by: The Anson County Board of Education

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, Lorenzo Steele has rendered faithful and distinguished service as a board member for, not only the Morven School District, but has shown a dedicated interest in the entire county for a period of four years, and

Whereas, he has fulfilled this duty with credit and dignity and performed duties, tasks, and his responsibilities in an exemplary manner, and

Whereas, he has exhibited concern and compassion for the children of Anson County, striving towards a goal that every child receive quality education, and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Lorenzo Steele is most deserving of this tribute extended to him by his fellow board members.

Further Resolved:

That a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the official minutes of the Anson County Board of Education, and a copy be presented to him, along with sincere appreciation and commendation for his dedication and service to the children and community of Anson County.

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IX. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- Fast ForWord
 - Dr. Firm said the Fast ForWord presentation will take place at the December 15th Board of Education Meeting. Dr. Firm said there will be special guests from Scientific Learning attending this meeting.
- CTE Update (Cynthia Hampton)
 - CTE Director, Cynthia Hampton, was present to give an update on the CTE Program. Ms. Hampton explained that their department sends out a CTE Chronicle periodically that highlights and informs people about the different areas of the CTE Program. Some of the areas highlighted in the November 2008 issue were the Tech Apple Computer Lab, their new logo and slogan, Health Occupations, Middle School Keyboarding and the CTE course offerings. Ms. Hampton said a career carnival has been planned for February 21, 2009, at Anson High School. Russell Sikes asked Ms. Hampton about the status of an Agriculture Program. Ms. Hampton said they are currently looking at the cost of this program and she will obtain the necessary information and get it to Dr. Firm. In addition to the Ag. Program, Ms. Hampton explained that there are many students who would like to have a cosmetology program at the high school. She said this program is very costly and has tremendous expenses associated with it.

Ms. Hampton said she will touch base with Richmond County Schools to retrieve information on their Cosmetology program and the start-up costs involved. Ms. Hampton said their Automotive Department is NATEF Certified as well as their instructor (Mr. Wesley Ratliff).

- Recreational Area – Morven Elementary School
 - Dr. Firn said he recently had an opportunity to speak with a citizen in Anson County regarding enhancing the Morven Elementary School area to allow for a recreational section. Dr. Firn said he wanted to ask the members if they felt this would be in the best interest of the system. He said, at this point, it's not a cost issue. Dr. Firn said it would be similar to what has been done to other schools in the county. Lannie Allen said he would encourage this conversation for not only Morven, but for Ansonville as well (he said both schools are the only elementary schools that do not have a ballfield). Dr. Firn said he will notify the members of any future meetings related to this topic.

X. Old Business

c.1 – Policy JCDBA (4316) School Standardized Dress

- Motion died for lack of action.

XI. New Business

c.1 – **Personnel Report**

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Altheria Patton, personnel items B, C, and D presented by Dr. Firn, were approved by the Board. Motion carried.

XII. Calendar Items

- School Board 101 – January 12-13, 2009
- School Board 101 – January 22-23, 2009
- NSBA Annual Conference – April 4-7, 2009 (San Diego)
 - ◆ Let Anne know if you plan to attend.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Lannie Allen. The motion was seconded by Lorenzo Steele. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary