

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, November 23, 2009. All members were present except for an excused absence from Altheria Patton and Lisa Davis. Others in attendance were Frances Williamson (Deputy Superintendent), Michael Freeman (Executive Director), Michael McLeod (Executive Director for Individual and Organizational Accountability), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), and Anne Hyatt (Clerk to the Board of Education).

I. Call to Order

Superintendent Greg Firm opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. Invocation

Superintendent Firm asked Russell Sikes to give the Invocation.

III. ANTHS Presentation

Curtis Crump, Tyler Pegram, Austin Turner and Amber Smith (ANTHS students) were present to explain how they used technology to build a program to help unfortunate teenage students in Honduras. One student said they primarily used PowerPoint but they also used a webpage to showcase and build their program. The students described how their program would financially support students in Honduras to attend school by way of donations. The ANTHS students said the webpage they developed would help carry out their program.

IV. Chair Pro Tem

Upon a motion by Daniel Wilson, seconded by Michael Livingston, the Board unanimously approved for Jackie Huntley to be the Chair Pro Tem for the November 23, 2009, board meeting. Motion carried.

V. Adopt Agenda

The agenda for today was unanimously adopted by the Board upon a motion by Russell Sikes, with a second by Michael Livingston. Motion carried.

VI. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 10-26-09)

Leon Gatewood moved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2009, be approved. This motion was seconded by Beulah Pratt, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

VII. Closed Session

- Matters Related To Personnel

Chair Pro Tem Huntley 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 Michael Livingston, seconded by Daniel Wilson and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:20 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VIII. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:24 p.m. upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Michael Livingston. 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.

There was no one to speak during this segment.

X. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- Annual Financial Report: Evan Reeves was present from Reeves and Associates to give an overview of the annual financial report. Mr. Reeves said if any members had questions, they could call him directly.
- Tetra Data: Gina Magaruh and Michael McLeod were present to give an update on the work that is happening with Tetra Data. Dr. Firm began by explaining that Tetra Data gathers information, stores it and analyzes it. He said this will help the system to find out what is going on from student performance to transportation. He said it will help the system to be more efficient and effective in the business of teaching and learning. Ms. Magaruh and Mr. McLeod showed a live presentation to the board. Ms. Magaruh said there is a Discipline System, a Student Information System, an HR System and a Financial System and each system has a multitude of reporting functions. She explained this system will help to analyze data very seamlessly.

XI. New Business

c.1 – Personnel Report

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Leon Gatewood, personnel item C as presented by Dr. Firm, was approved by the Board. Daniel Wilson asked Dr. Firm if the report followed all rules, policies and laws. Dr. Firm said yes. Motion carried.

c.2 – Budget Amendments

Local Current Expense Fund

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Russell Sikes, the Local Current Expense Budget Amendments were unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

State Public School Fund

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Rob Rollins, the State Public School Fund Budget Amendments were unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

Federal Fund

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Beulah Pratt, the Federal Fund Budget Amendments were unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

XII. Adjourn

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

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary