

**Minutes**  
**Anson County Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, October 27, 2008, 5:30 p.m.**

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, October 27, 2008. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Flake (Board Attorney), 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 Russell Sikes, with a second by Lannie Allen. Motion carried.

**IV. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 09-29-08)**

M. R. Bell moved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 29, 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 Lorenzo Steele and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:32 p.m.

There was no action taken.

**VI. Reconvene Open Session**

- The Board returned to open session at 6:43 p.m. upon a motion by Rob Rollins seconded by Russell Sikes. 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.**

Mary Crowder (parent of AMS student) expressed concern that her daughter was recently in trouble because of her jacket. She explained that her daughter wore the same jacket last year at Wadesboro Elementary and it was okay. Ms. Crowder said the jacket is orange and white with flowers on it. Chair Davis thanked Ms. Crowder and explained that someone will contact her to further discuss her concern.

Dannie Montgomery, Tammy Swearingin, Krista Herold and Maresa Phillips were present on behalf of the Anson County Association of Educator's to offer a \$500 check to the New Century Scholar's Program in honor of all Anson County School Employees.

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

### **IX. Superintendent's Report – See Attached**

Discipline/Suspension (Mike McLeod)

- ◆ Michael Livingston asked about students returning to school during their suspension. Dr. Patton asked who was to ensure that did not happen. Dr. Firn said the process will be reviewed to make sure we have assurances that the process is being followed when a student is suspended.
- ◆ Mr. McLeod stated that the second round of McGrath Training (Bullying Training) is currently in process. Dr. Firn explained there will be a follow-up training from this training. He said this will give parents an opportunity to join staff/administration for a conversation about McGrath Training. Dr. Firn said he feels it is important for parents to hear what their students are hearing and to hear what the training is about. Mr. McLeod said a date and time for this conversation has not been determined.
- AIG Program K-6 (Georgia Maner)
  - ◆ Georgia Maner was present to speak about the AIG Program in K-6 grades. She said they are currently making sure that students are not repeating material and those students that already know the material can be moved on to a separate group. Mrs. Maner said they have asked the principals to give them names of individuals who would be responsible for monitoring this at the individual schools. She said they have individuals designated to monitor this program at AES, LES, WPS and WES. Mrs. Maner said she will be responsible for MES and PPES until the time someone is designated to monitor the program at those schools.

Mrs. Maner said the individuals responsible for monitoring this program have agreed to get licensure in gifted education. Dr. Firm explained that parents can speak with the principal if they have questions.

- Technology Plan (Jeanne Price)
  - ◆ Jeanne Price was present to highlight items in the Technology Plan for Anson County Schools. Mrs. Price explained that NC Law mandates school systems to operate under the guidance of a Technology Plan and it must be in place in order for Anson County Schools to receive E-Rate Funding. She said the plan will need to be approved by our Board of Education and then by the State Board of Education. Mrs. Price said the plan is for a period of five years. Dr. Firm asked members to look over the plan and let Mrs. Price know if there are questions.
- Dress Code (Greg Firm)
  - ◆ Superintendent Firm briefly gave the following reconsideration and recommendation as stated in his Superintendent's Report that is attached:  
"I am withdrawing my proposed amendment to the Standard Uniform Policy. In its place, I ask the Board to return to the original Dress Code Policy for grades 9-12. With respect to grades K-8, I propose that administration will provide the Board of Education a plan for each school community to review with parents – all parents the purpose, intent, and expected outcome for dress according to the Board of Education's policy."

## **X. Old Business**

### **c.1 – Policies**

Policy KG (5030) Community Use of School Facilities

Policy IFAC/GAMAE (3225/7320) Internet/Technology Acceptable Use

Policy JCDBA (4316) School Standardized Dress

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by M. R. Bell, Board Policy KG (5030) Community Use of Facilities (fee structure) was approved by the Board. Motion carried.
- Upon a motion by Lannie Allen, seconded by Russell Sikes, Board Policy IFAC/GAMAE (3225/7320) Internet/Technology Acceptable Use was approved by the Board. Motion carried.
- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Rob Rollins Board Policy JCDBA (4316) School Standardized Dress was voted to lie on the table for one additional month. Voting in favor of the motion was Lisa Davis, Dr. Altheria Patton, Jacqueline Huntley, Rob Rollins, Lannie Allen, M. R. Bell, Lorenzo Steele and Michael Livingston. Members opposing the motion were Russell Sikes. Motion Carried. Members are to let Anne or Dr. Firm know if there are questions regarding this topic.

## **XI. New Business**

### **c.1 – Personnel Report**

- Upon a motion by M. R. Bell, seconded by Michael Livingston, personnel items C, D, E and H presented by Dr. Firn, were approved by the Board. Motion carried.

### **c.2 – Resolution**

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Lorenzo Steele, the Board voted unanimously to honor Lannie Allen and Lorenzo Steele for their years of service and hard work while serving on the Anson County Schools' Board of Education with a Resolution and that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes.

### **c.3 – Support for 0.25 Percent Local Sales Tax Increase (November 2008)**

Chair Davis asked that the Chair of County Commissioners revisit and change the names that were listed as the committee representation from the Board of Education as it does not reflect the diversity of the Board. Upon a motion by Rob Rollins, seconded by Russell Sikes, the Board approved supporting the 0.25 Percent Local Sales Tax Increase. Motion carried.

### **c.4. – 2008-2009 Budget and Budget Resolution**

- Upon a motion by Altheria Patton, seconded by Michael Livingston, the Board approved the 2008-2009 Budget and Budget Resolution. Motion carried

### **c.5 – Surplus Auction Items**

- Upon a motion by Michael Livingston, seconded by Lorenzo Steele, the Surplus Auction Items List was approved by the Board. Motion Carried.

## **XII. Calendar Items**

- Thanksgiving Break – November 26, 27 & 28, 2008
- Lifesaving Awards Banquet – Tuesday, December 2, 2008 (Time TBD)
- School Board Meeting – December 15, 2008
- School Board 101 – January 12-13, 2008
- School Board 101 – January 22-23, 2008
- NSBA Annual Conference – April 4-7, 2008 (San Diego)
  - ♦ Let Anne know if you plan to attend.

## **XIII. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by M. R. Bell. The motion was seconded by Michael Livingston. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

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Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary

## **Addendum to Minutes**

Upon polling all Board of Education members via telephone on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, and Wednesday, October 29, 2008, the Technology Plan as presented by Jeanne Price at the Board of Education Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008, was unanimously approved by the Board.