

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, September 28, 2009. All members were present except for an excused absence from Altheria Patton and Rob Rollins. 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

Board Chairperson Lisa Davis opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. Invocation

Chairperson Davis asked Russell Sikes to give the Invocation.

III. Adopt Agenda

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

IV. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 09-28-09)

Russell Sikes moved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 28, 2009, be approved. This motion was seconded by Beulah Pratt, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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 Leon Gatewood, seconded by Russell Sikes 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 6:29 p.m. upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Michael Livingston. 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.

Kim Graham was present to give an update on the Parent Involvement Initiative. She gave thanks for Mrs. Betsy Ammons, Mrs. Marilyn Bennett and Mrs. Mary Ratliff for their exceptional leadership in the Parent Involvement Initiative. Ms. Graham invited the Board of Education to future workshops that are being planned. Ms. Graham will get a workshop schedule to Anne Hyatt for all members.

VIII. Chair's Report

- US Census: The US Census spoke about the the importance of making sure everyone in Anson County is accounted for by helping them to get the word out.
- Christmas Card Contest: Members selected four 1st place winners for the Christmas Card Contest. The winners are: Misty Allen (9th grade - ACEC), Carolei Bryan (10th grade - ACEC), Latron Burns (9th grade - Anson Academy) and Angel King (3rd Grade – WPS). The members extended their appreciation for all participants.

IX. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- NCPTA DOP Team Update: Subrina Hough gave an update on the NCPTA DOP Team. She explained they are currently serving 24 families. Ms. Hough said since the program was received in February 2009, they have seen 87.5% of the students are moving toward graduation, a 90% increase in parent involvement, a decrease in behavior problems and an increase in attendance. She said they are working with students to increase Developmental Scale Scores in Reading and Math. Ms. Hough said they have a Home Visit Team that consists of Dionnya Pratt, Sandra Harrell, Dr. Bobbie Little, Leon Gatewood and herself. She said the next Home Visit Team will meet on Friday October 30th at Morven Elementary School. Ms. Hough encouraged the members to attend. Dr. Firm asked Ms. Hough to get a list of activities that have planned to Anne Hyatt.
- Summer of Surprises – Stephanie Harward was present to give an update on the Summer of Surprises program. She said she had 75 students to participate. Mrs. Harward said students enjoyed field trips to the Rotary Planetarium, Murrell's Inlet, Hiddenite, NC, the Discovery Place and they took a stroll on the Lynx. She explained that students learned how to create spreadsheets and many other things.
- Benchmark Testing – Dr. Firm said Mrs. Williamson will present detailed information on Benchmark testing in December.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

c.1 – Personnel Report

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

c.2 – Budget Amendments

Local Current Expense Fund

- Upon a motion by Jackie Huntley, 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 Jackie Huntley, seconded by Russell Sikes, the State Public School Fund Budget Amendments were unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

Federal Fund

- Upon a motion by Jackie Huntley, seconded by Russell Sikes, the Federal Fund Budget Amendments were unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

School Food Service Fund

- Upon a motion by Jackie Huntley, seconded by Russell Sikes, the School Food Service Fund Budget Amendments were unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

Capital Outlay Fund

- Upon a motion by Jackie Huntley, seconded by Russell Sikes, the Capital Outlay Fund Budget Amendments were unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.3 – Contracts

- Smarthinking and Jigsaw Learning
 - Dr. Firn said this item is not an approval for monetary purposes. He said there needs to be approval as record that these contracts are continuing. Dr. Firn said Smarthinking is a three year contract that comes out of AIG dollars and Jigsaw is a five year contract that comes out of ARRA dollars. Dr. Firn said Smarthinking will start November 15 and Jigsaw will start December 1. Lisa Davis asked for a motion to approve the contracts for Smarthinking and Jigsaw Learning. Ms. Davis said Holly Berry has confirmed there is money to pay for these contracts. There was a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Beulah Pratt to approve the multiple year contracts for Smarthinking and Jigsaw Learning. Dr. Firn said Jigsaw is a money back guarantee and Smarthinking is a Pilot. The motion was 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 8:05 p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary