

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 26, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Wednesday, October 26, 2011. All members were present except for an excused absence from Bobbie Little. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Chief Operating Officer), Holly Berry (Chief Finance Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Anne Hyatt (Clerk to the Board of Education).

I. Call to Order

Russell Sikes opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. Invocation

George Truman gave the Invocation.

III. Conflict of Interest Statement

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, Russell Sikes reminded Board Members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. He 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 reported. Russell Sikes 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 his attention. He 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 Beulah Pratt, with a second by Daniel Wilson. Motion carried.

V. Approve Minutes

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Russell Sikes moved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2011, be approved. This motion was seconded by Beulah Pratt, and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

VI. 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 George Truman, seconded by Daniel Wilson and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 4:06 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 4:43 p.m. upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Michael Livingston. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. 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 present to speak for this section.

IX. Chair's Report

- Public Engagement: Members reported on public engagement opportunities where they have visited schools and attended school activities and meetings.
- Christmas Card Contest: Members selected four 1st place winners for the Christmas Card Contest. The winners were Naly Lor (Anson County Early College High School - Grade 9), Cameron Sellers (Wadesboro Elementary School - Grade 4), Laci Treadaway, (Anson High School - Grade 9), Chassidy Williams (Anson County Early College - Grade 11). The members extended their appreciation for all participants.

X. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- FY 10-11 Annual Audit Presentation (Rives & Associates): Evan Rives was present to give an overview of the annual audit that was held in July. Mr. Rives commended Holly Berry and her department for their hard work and said the audit was overall very good. Chair Davis also thanked Holly Berry and her department for the intense work they put forth in the audit process.
- New Assessment Model (Georgia Maner): Georgia Maner was present to speak to the board about changes to the assessment information. She explained changes in regard to Workkeys, ACT, EOC/EOG's, Teacher Effectiveness and Writing.

XI. Consent Items

Upon a motion by Russell Sikes seconded by George Truman, the Consent Items (Personnel Report, Budget Amendments and Local Options for Anson Academy) were approved by the board. Motion carried.

XII. Old Business

Upon a motion by George Truman seconded by Daniel Wilson, the board voted to approve the remainder of the 2000 Series Policies listed below. Motion carried.

- 2000 Operational Goals of the Board
- 2010 Board and Superintendent Relations
- 2110 Board Member Elections
- 2115 Unexpired Term Fulfillment
- 2120 Code of Ethics for School Board Members
- 2123 Board Member Opportunities for Development
- 2200 Election of Officers/Organization of Board

XIII. **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 5:52p.m.

Lisa G. Davis, Chairperson

Dr. Gregory Firn, Secretary