

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, September 28, 2009. All members were present. 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 Daniel Wilson 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 Michael Livingston. Motion carried.

IV. Approve Minutes (Regular Meeting 08-31-09)

Jackie Huntley moved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 31, 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 Rob Rollins seconded by Daniel Wilson and unanimously approved. The Board went into closed session at 5:41 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VI. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. upon a motion by Michael Livingston, 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.

There was no one to speak during this segment.

VIII. Chair's Report

- Lisa Davis gave thanks for those that helped with the District 6 Regional Meeting on September 24th. Lisa said hand written "thank you" notes will be sent to those that helped with the meeting.

IX. Superintendent's Report – See Attached

- Presentation: Debra Horton from NCPTA gave a brief update on NCPTA and said the Parent Involvement Initiative was funded for another year by the NC General Assembly. She said they will continue the Parent Involvement Initiative work at Morven Elementary, Wadesboro Primary and Wadesboro Elementary. Dr. Firn asked Subrina Hough and her team to present an update on the NCPTA DOP Initiative at the October Board Meeting.
- NCAE: Angelia Jeter was present with NCAE to give a brief overview of the benefits of NCAE. She also explained that membership is down and made clear the importance of all employees being members. Ms. Jeter said membership ranges from \$21 to \$45 per month.
- Ridership/Efficiency: Dr. Firn said the efficiency audit is in the process of being conducted and he will provide an update on ridership/efficiency at a later date.
- Community Use of Facilities: Dr. Firn said to let him know if someone/group needs help with renting a facility. Also, he said he will get the detail on the requirement of having an employee to monitor a facility when it is being used for community use.
- Staffing: Mr. Freeman said teacher assistants will be reinstated to full-time status soon. He said they still have eight people on the reduction in force list.
- Discipline/Suspension: Michael McLeod offered a summary of the Discipline/Suspension Report. He said they are trying to change the brand of the Academy. Russell Sikes asked about changing the name from Anson Challenge Academy to Anson Academy. Mr. Freeman said it's a process to change the name. Mr. McLeod said placing students at the Academy is not because of behavior; it's to help with their academics. Dr. Firn said if anyone would like to see the detail behind the discipline/suspension report to check with Mr. McLeod.
- Summer Programs Presentation: Joslyn Allen and Georgia Maner were present to offer highlights of some of the summer programs offered by Anson County Schools. Dr. Allen began by speaking about the Relevance and Relationships (R&R) summer program. Dr. Allen said students job shadowed, practiced interview and job skills and worked with Fast ForWord each day. She said it was a very productive program. Dr. Allen further stated that R&R has been funded for next year. Ms. Maner

discussed Virtual Summer School and said they started out with five students two years ago and this summer they had 224 students enrolled in the Virtual Summer School. She said some of the students were taking credit recovery. Ms. Maner said this year, they have 644 courses being taken online (this semester). She said that number is county-wide and includes ANTHS, AA, ACEC, AHS and AMS. Ms. Maner said students can take college courses in addition to credit recovery courses. Dr. Firn said there are so many students that are interested and excited about this opportunity.

X. Old Business

c.1 – Board Policies

- Upon a motion by Russell Sikes, seconded by Altheria Patton, Board Policy 6330 Dual Enrollment was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.
- Upon a motion by Jackie Huntley, seconded by Beulah Pratt, Board Policy 6240 Child Nutrition Cafeteria Charge Policy was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

XI. New Business

c.1 – Personnel Report

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

c.2 – Field Trip Request (AMS Career Club/National Junior Honor Society)

- Upon a motion by Altheria Patton, seconded by Michael Livingston, the Field Trip request was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

c.3 – 2009-2010 Budget/Budget Resolution

- Prior to approving the Budget/Budget Resolution, Rob Rollins asked if we had the money. Dr. Firn said yes. Upon a motion by Altheria Patton, seconded by Rob Rollins, the 2009-2010 Budget/Budget Resolution was unanimously approved by the Board. Motion carried.

XII. Calendar Items

- Next School Board Meeting is October 26, 2009.
- Members are to give Anne best times/dates for Master Board Training.

XIII. 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