

**Minutes**  
Anson County Board of Education  
Monday, August 26, 2024  
Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.  
Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, August 26, 2024. Board members present were Marilyn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Judy Little, Beulah Pratt, George Truman, and Mike Turner. Dr. Bobbie Little was absent. Others in attendance were Dr. Brian Ratliff (Superintendent), Dr. Josh McLaurin (Executive Administrator), and Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk).

**Call to Order**

George Truman opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

Frank Liles gave the Invocation.

**Adopt Agenda**

The board voted to adopt the agenda as presented in a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Beulah Pratt. The motion carried.

**Approve Minutes**

Frank Liles moved to approve the July 29, 2024, meeting minutes. Carol Gibson seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. The motion carried.

**Closed Session**

Chair Truman asked for a motion to go into a closed session. Judy Little made a motion to go into closed session at 5:04 p.m. to consider a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of the Board pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11 (a)(6) and to discuss the acquisition of real estate or to discuss the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property according to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Lisa Davis and approved by the board. Motion carried.

**Reconvene Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 6:00 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner. Lisa Davis seconded the motion, which was approved by the board and carried.

Dr. Truman recognized Jamie Caudle and JD Bricken, County Commissioners, and thanked them for their interest in attending the meeting.

**Public Comment**

There was no one present to speak during this section.

### **Chair's Report**

Dr. Truman commended the district for the great start in the opening of schools.

Dr. Truman asked for nominations for the NCSBA Board of Directors for a term of service of two years. He explained the meetings will be held in November, March, June, and September, and each member typically serves on two committees that meet once or twice during the year. There was no one interested in serving, and there were no nominations.

Board members spoke about schools they visited before the opening of schools and on the first day of school. Members were very complimentary of the staff and cleanliness of our schools.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Ratliff gave reports on Human Resources, Current Job Postings, Student Learning, Operations and the opening of schools.

Dr. Ratliff commended the human resources department and building leaders for their hard work in filling positions.

### **Human Resources**

Dr. McLaurin shared that there are no teaching vacancies and that Anson County Schools is fully staffed in that area.

### **Funding**

Dr. Ratliff said there was a missed opportunity to secure grant funding. He explained there have been conversations at the state level, and it does look like they have the chance to get back in line to pursue the funding. He explained he does not want to miss any funding opportunities for students.

### **Consent Items**

The board approved the Personnel Report as presented on a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Mike Turner. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Frank Liles moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Mike Turner seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

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Dr. George Truman, Chairman

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Dr. Brian Ratliff, Secretary