

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2016, 3:30 p.m.
Charles Riddle Staff Development Center

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2016. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Superintendent), Howard McLean (Associate Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent), Holly Berry (Chief Financial Officer), and Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk).

I. Call to Order

Chair Bobbie Little opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. Invocation

Chair Little asked George Truman to give the Invocation.

III. Conflict of Interest Statement

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, Chair Little reminded Board Members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. There were no conflicts of interest communicated by the members. Chair Little 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 her attention. She 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

Mr. Johnson asked for the agenda to be amended to allow anyone that signs up for Public Comment with a topic of School Attendance Calendar to speak after the Superintendent's Report (specifically after his presentation). Upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by Mike Turner, the board approved for anyone that signs up for Public Comment with a topic of School Attendance Calendar be allowed to speak after Mr. Johnson's presentation. All others that sign up for Public Comment with topics other than School Attendance Calendar will speak during the regular Public Comment time. The motion was unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

**V. Approve Minutes
(Regular Meeting 12-14-15)**

Upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by Lisa Davis, the regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2015, were unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

VI. Closed Session

- Matters Related To Personnel

Chair Little 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) and for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11 (a) (5). This

motion was made by Carol Gibson, seconded by Brian Johnson and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 3:44 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 4:17 p.m. upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by Marilynn Bennett. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no one to speak during this section.

IX. Chair's Report

Public Engagement: Mr. Turner thanked the board for sending the plant to his family when his father-in-law passed away. Dr. Little mentioned she attended the celebration where Dr. Patton received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award. Mr. Freeman said Ms. Gibson attended the Toys for Tots recognition banquet. Ms. Vancine Sturdivant (coordinator for Anson County) mentioned from the audience that 4,293 children were served this year.

X. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Freeman gave a report on the Budget Performance, Personnel, Current Job Postings, and Community Use of Facilities.

Mr. Turner asked if school nutrition was still on the same schedule for 2016-2017.

Mr. Freeman said yes and Mrs. Griffin (administrator) is working on a comparison since we started the universal free meal this school year. Mr. Freeman said he is very excited about the response and participation. He said they are still waiting on projections and it may be a few more months before finalizing whether to continue with the universal free meal program.

BOE Member Brian Johnson School Attendance Calendar Information: Mr. Freeman explained Mr. Brian Johnson asked to speak with the board regarding school attendance calendar. Mr. Freeman also mentioned that he had packets for members to take home where he and district staff researched year-round schools and they could review the packet at their leisure.

Mr. Johnson said he is a strong proponent for year round schools and even more so after searching Google on the internet. He further explained details of his view on being a supporter of year round schools. Mr. Johnson said this topic needs serious consideration. Mr. Freeman stated Mr. Johnson brought up very important information and points that we should all be talking about. Mr. Freeman also emphasized there are other points and information that we need to be sharing as well. He said we need to make sure we are all together on all information. Mr. Freeman said he knows we live in a time where we can reflect, study and think outside the box. He noted that we can look at the research and he knows, without a doubt, this board, with much thought and consideration, will make decisions that are in the best interest of the children. Dr. Truman chimed in by saying that he hopes we will look at all aspects of the topic (both good and bad) and then decide what is best. He pointed out they need to look at what best fits the community as well. Dr. Truman

thanked Mr. Johnson for bringing this topic to the board. He further stated this is not something we do without significant feedback from administration, teachers, parents, students where applicable and the community. Mr. Freeman and Dr. Little thanked Mr. Johnson for his presentation.

Mr. Freeman said Odysseyware is going well and they are moving forward with the implementation. He said this is a digital learning opportunity that is being made available at all four high schools.

XI. Consent Items

Carol Ann Gibson asked to remove Policy 8240 and asked about only having one person with authority over purchasing, selling and trading investment securities on behalf of the board. Mr. Freeman said he will pull that policy for further review and will follow-up with his findings. Upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by Frank Liles, the following consent items were approved by the board (Personnel Report, Budget Amendments, 2016-2017 School Calendar, 2016-2017 Board of Education Meeting Dates, Sold Asset Report and the policies listed below). Motion carried.

- 7325/8360 Employee Use of School System Wireless Phones
- 7540 Voluntary Shared Leave
- 8000 Fiscal Goals
- 8100 Budget Planning and Adoption
- 8110 Budget Resolution
- 8120 Budget Amendments and Transfers
- 8200 Revenue Sources
- 8210 Grants and Funding for Special Projects
- 8220 Gifts and Bequests
- 8230 Penalties, Fines and Forfeitures
- 8250 Vending Facilities
- 8300 Fiscal Management Standards
- 8310 Annual Independent Audit
- 8320 Depositories
- 8325 Daily Deposits
- 8330 Facsimile Signatures
- 8340 Insurance
- 8410 Individual School Accounts
- 8420 Petty Cash Accounts
- 8510 School Finance Officer
- 8520 School Treasurer
- 8530 Fidelity Bonds

XII. Calendar Items

Mr. Freeman informed the board the inclement weather day on Friday, January 22, 2015, will be made up on Monday, February 29, 2016.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.