

**Minutes**  
**Anson County Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Charles Riddle Staff Development Center**

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 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), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk).

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Bobbie Little opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

**II. Invocation**

Chair Little asked Frank Liles 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**

Mike Turner made a motion to approve the agenda. Carol Gibson seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board. Motion carried.

**V. Approve Minutes**

**(Regular Meeting 01-25-16)**

Upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by George Truman, the regular meeting minutes of January 25, 2016, 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 5:33 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. **Reconvene Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 6:45 p.m. upon a motion by Frank Liles, seconded by Beulah Pratt. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. **Recognition**

Jada Ridley and Gracie Stinson were recognized for being selected as the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners of the NC School Bus Safety Poster Contest for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Freeman said this was a state-wide competition and their posters were submitted during the 2014-2015 school year.

IX. **Public Comment**

There was no one to speak during this section.

X. **Chair's Report**

Public Engagement: Dr. Truman said he recently attended the ACEC Variety Show and mentioned they did a great job. He also expressed how proud he was of the YCC students that visited a local assisted living facility. Dr. Truman said he was at the facility when YCC visited and was very pleased with how well they behaved and how well they were dressed. Mr. Turner also stated he attended the Variety Show and the Science Fair at Ansonville Elementary School and told the board everyone should attend a Science Fair. He said you will see more kids having fun than you can imagine and you can see what elementary students are learning. Carol Gibson stated that she also attended the Variety Show and the PTA Meeting at Wadesboro Primary School. She said the PTA meeting had a great crowd of parents.

XI. **Superintendent's Report**

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

Operational: Mr. Freeman informed the board of the new online records/transcripts request system. He said a full report will be given on the system as it continues to be launched. He said this system does not include students who are currently enrolled in our schools.

Instructional (Odysseyware): Mr. McLean updated the board on Odysseyware (a new web-based system that is ideal for core curriculum, blended learning, alternative education and more). He informed the board this is a K-12 program but they plan to focus on secondary schools. Mr. McLean explained this program will allow students to learn at their own pace. He stated they are currently using the system as credit recovery and alternative education in places where there are not certified teachers and those students can take online courses. Mr. McLean said they are also using the system as a test prep where they provide mini lessons and courses and to help accelerated students in our district. Additionally, he mentioned CTE courses will be offered. Mr. McLean said in the future, Odysseyware will offer services to support the district's efforts in creating in-district virtual schools. He further commented that virtual school enrichment has the potential to replace the NC Virtual Public School (NCVPS) Program. Mr. McLean noted 150 slots had been purchased for our district and those slots can be used multiple times (whereas, with NCVPS, those seats are used once). Additionally, he detailed the courses that are currently being offered for the secondary schools (English I, II, III, IV, Civics & Economics, World History, American History I,

American History II, Math I, II, III, Advanced Functions and Modeling, Biology, Physical Science, Chemistry, Earth Science, Principles of Business and Finance, Health as well as Credit Recovery Custom Courses.)

SECU Scholarship Expansion: Mr. Freeman said he was pleased to inform the board the SECU Scholarship has expanded to offer two additional scholarships. He explained Anson County Schools will now have three schools that qualify for SECU Scholarships. Mr. Freeman informed the board Anson Early College High School will benefit from a \$5,000 Scholarship, a cooperative high school (Anson New Technology High School) will benefit from a \$5,000 Scholarship and a traditional high school (Anson High School) will continue to benefit from a \$10,000 scholarship. Mr. Freeman said it's exciting to be able to expand this opportunity to the Early College and Anson New Tech students.

**XII. Consent Items**

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Marilyn Bennett, the following consent items were approved by the board (Personnel Report, Budget Amendments and Facility Needs Survey). Motion carried.

**XIII. Old Business**

Policy 8240 Investment Earnings: Mr. Freeman provided an update to members about the history, general statute concerning policy 8240 and the rationale to have this policy in our manual. Mr. Freeman said it's clear about the intentions of the NC School Boards Association to create this policy for school systems. He said this is a policy that can be optional but the information that is covered in the policy is information we are responsible for based on the law. Mr. Freeman mentioned that he is not sure why the board put this policy in their manual back in 1993 other than his thoughts that it simplifies details of the general statute and administration doesn't have to dig too deep to find out this information. Mr. Freeman said one thing he likes about the clarity is when he goes to the policy manual, he is able to find the policy and information quickly. Mr. Freeman asked the board for their decision on whether to keep this policy the way the NC School Boards Association developed it for us or did the board want to omit it from the policy manual completely. Dr. Truman said the reason why he would include it is if someone were looking for this particular information; the policy manual would be the easiest way to find the information. Mr. Freeman stated he received clarification from the NC School Board Association that this policy helps to further clarify the general statute that is associated with the question Carol Gibson brought up at the January meeting pertaining to only having one person with authority over purchasing, selling and trading investment securities on behalf of the board. After further dialogue, Carol Gibson made a motion to approve policy 8240 and to continue to keep it in the manual. Mike Turner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

**XIV. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Davis, seconded by Frank Liles. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Dr. Bobbie Little, Chairperson

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Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary