

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
Charles Riddle Staff Development Center

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2016. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Superintendent), Howard McLean (Associate Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent), Holly Berry (Finance 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

Frank Liles gave 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

George Truman made a motion to approve the agenda. Frank Liles seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board. Motion carried.

V. Approve Minutes

(Regular Meeting 03-21-16)

(Special Meeting 04-18-16)

(Special Meeting 04-19-16)

Upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by Frank Liles, the regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2016, the special meeting minutes of April 18, 2016 (Joint Meeting) and April 19, 2016 (Budget Development Workshop) 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 George Truman, seconded by Marilyn Bennett and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m.

VII. **Recess Closed Session**

Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Mike Turner, the board voted to recess closed session at 6:34 p.m. until after the open session part of the meeting. Motion carried.

VIII. **Reconvene Open Session**

- The Board returned to open session at 6:35 p.m. upon a motion by Frank Liles, seconded by Beulah Pratt. Motion carried.
- George Truman made a motion to extend the current Superintendent's contract this day to continue until June 30, 2019 pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 115C-271. The motion was seconded by Lisa Davis and unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

IX. **Recognition**

Travis Stegall, principal of Peachland-Polkton Elementary School (PPES), was present to reveal, to the school board and Superintendent Michael Freeman, a flag and certificate the school received from Governor Pat McCrory and Senator Tom McInnis during a visit in April to the State Capitol. Mr. Freeman explained to the board that the flag was flown over the North Carolina State Capitol on March 23 and given to a fourth-grade class when they visited the Capitol in April.

X. **Public Comment**

Brenda Broadway was present to speak about substitute identifications. She said it would be nice for substitutes to enter a school with a picture identification and asked the board to ponder that thought. Mr. Freeman thanked Ms. Broadway for her comments.

XI. **Chair's Report**

Public Engagement: Several board members spoke about events and activities they have had the opportunity to engage in at schools in our district.

XII. **Superintendent's Report**

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

Mr. Freeman and the board continued their discussion from the budget workshop regarding the budget development for 2016-2017. After a question and answer period from board members, Mr. Freeman wrapped up the discussion and encouraged members to let him know if there were other questions and explained the proposed budget would be up for approval within the consent items of the agenda.

XIII. **Consent Items**

Lisa Davis made a motion to remove consent item a.08 (AHS Field Trip Request) for further discussion. The motion was seconded by George Truman and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Carol Gibson, the following consent items were approved by the board (Personnel Report, Proposed Budget, Budget Amendments, lottery Project Application, Contract to Audit Accounts, Invision Services Contract and WAN Upgrade. Motion carried.

XIV. **New Business**

Lisa Davis asked for clarification on the cost per number of students based on what is in the packet presented to the board. Mr. Freeman said he will update the board on any changes regarding the cost of the trip. After the discussion on the AHS Field Trip Request, Lisa Davis made a motion to approve the trip request contingent upon working out and confirming the cost information per person on the charter bus contract. The motion was seconded by George Truman and approved by the board. Motion carried.

XV. **Old Business**

Policies for Approval: Carol Gibson asked (in reference to the Wellness Policy) for the wellness committee member names. Mr. Freeman said Dr. Mary Ratliff helps oversee the wellness committee and he will get that list to the board. Upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by Lisa Davis, the board approved the following policies: 6140 Student Wellness, 6305 Safety and Student Transportation, 6315 Drivers, 6320 Use of Student Transportation Services, 6321 Bus Routes, 6322 Student Assignment to Buses and 6340 Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts.

XVI. **Calendar Items**

Mr. Freeman shared a calendar of events for each school until the end of the year. He also shared a flyer about the Arts In Motion Bus that will be visiting elementary schools in the district with student art work on display within the bus. Dr. Truman asked if some of the art work from the Arts In Motion Bus could be put on display in the board room at the next board meeting.

XVII. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Liles, seconded by Carol Gibson. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Dr. Bobbie Little, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary