

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 23, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
Charles Riddle Staff Development Center

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 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

Mike Turner 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. Lisa Davis and Carol Gibson mentioned a conflict with the Personnel Report specifically as it pertains to contracts. There were no other 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

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

V. Approve Minutes

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Carol Gibson asked that the wording in the minutes from April 25, 2016, "was present to reveal" be changed to, "was present to share with" and the wording, "given to a fourth grade class" be changed to, "given to his fourth grade class". After further discussion on the recommended changes, a motion was made by Carol Gibson, seconded by George Truman, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2016, with suggested changes. The board unanimously approved this motion. 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 Mike Turner, seconded by Carol Gibson and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 5:38 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. **Reconvene Open Session**

- The Board returned to open session at 6:33 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by George Truman. Motion carried.

VIII. **Recognition**

The board recognized the following individuals and groups during the board meeting:

- The Anson Middle School Softball Team for making it to the 2nd round of the playoffs.
- The Anson Middle School Baseball Team for winning the championship.
- The Anson Middle School Soccer Teams (boys' team advanced to 1st round and girls' team advanced to 2nd round of the playoffs).
- Alexis Cole for qualifying and participating in the State Triple Jump event.
- Destiny Gayton for qualifying and participating in the State Long Jump event.
- Patience Marshall for qualifying and participating in the State Discus/Shot Put events.
- Jared Griffith for being selected to attend 2016 Governor's School Summer Session.
- Abigail Gano for being a Duke Talent Identification Program State Recognition Scorer and Academy for Summer Studies Scorer.
- Jaear McClendon for being accepted to the Virtual NC School of Science and Math Studies.
- Angelique Little, Eukela Little and Ghulam Saeeda for being accepted into the NC School of Science and Math in Durham.

IX. **Public Comment**

Vancine Sturdivant was present to give thanks to the board. She also informed the board the Lilesville Community will be getting a Lilesville Community Center. She explained the center will have several programs that will directly benefit the youth of the community. She said there will be a reading and after school program, Library, GED Program, Community Lab, the center will help with feeding the hungry and also help shut-ins. Chair Little thanked Ms. Sturdivant for all she does for the community.

X. **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.

XI. **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Freeman gave a report on the Budget Performance, Personnel, Current Job Postings, Community Use of Facilities, Summer Instructional Programs and School Health Advisory Committee.

Community Use of Facilities: Mr. Freeman highlighted the Community Use of Facilities Report and reminded the board that the district is preparing to close down the community facility use for the summer. He further explained we attempt to not rent out our facilities during the summer due to the number of school programs going on as well as the maintenance needs that must be taken care of at the various schools.

Summer Programs: Mr. Freeman discussed the various summer programs that are being offered this summer. In addition to the Read to Achieve Reading Camps, he explained there will be expanded Elementary Summer Enrichment Camps, Middle School Summer Enrichment Camps and High School Summer Enrichment Camps offered. Mr. Freeman stated High School Credit Recovery Program opportunities will also be available from July 11 – August 4. Other summer

program opportunities that he mentioned were Summer of Surprise Camps, AIG Camps, Citizenship Camps and Math Boot Camps. Dr. Truman requested Mr. Freeman share paper copies of the Summer Programs to County Commissioners and to Leon Gatewood at the Holla Center.

School Health Advisory Committee: Mr. Freeman explained the new policy (6140 Student Wellness) indicates the School Health Advisory Committee be represented by a member of the school board. Mr. Freeman said he is looking for someone willing to serve on this committee with Dr. Mary Ratliff's leadership. He stated the School Health Advisory Volunteer Committee will meet several times throughout the year where they ensure we are on target with our health and nutrition in the district. Mr. Freeman mentioned this committee will partner with Carolinas Healthcare System where the focus with them will be on student nutrition. Chair Little said Ms. Gibson has expressed interest in serving on this committee. Ms. Gibson then stated she would be happy to serve on the committee as she has been on this committee in the past. Mr. Freeman told Ms. Gibson that Dr. Ratliff will be in contact with her about upcoming meetings.

XII. Consent Items

Lisa Davis and Carol Gibson reminded the board they are abstaining from voting on a.01. Carol Gibson pointed out the field trip request end date needs to be reviewed. Mr. Freeman said he will discuss the form with the coordinator of the trip but Mr. Freeman did clarify the trip is only a day trip. Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Lisa Davis, the following consent items were approved by the board (Personnel Report, Budget Amendments, to award the annual Independent Audit Service Contract for three years {FY 16/17, FY 17/18, FY 18/19} between Anson County Schools and Rives and Associates, Futures Education, LLC, SimplexGrinnell Contract, AIG Plan 2016-2019, Field Trip Request (Science Enrichment Camp) and Lease Agreements between Anson County Schools and Union County Community Action {Morven and Central Headstart Center}. Motion carried.

XIII. Calendar Items

Mr. Freeman said Anne Hyatt will send updated times for the end of the year calendar items for individual schools.

XIV. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Turner, seconded by Carol Gibson. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Dr. Bobbie Little, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary