

## **Minutes**

Anson County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

Anson County Schools' Administrative Conference Room/Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 29, 2024. Board members present were Marilynn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Dr. Bobbie Little, Judy Little, Beulah Pratt, George Truman, and Mike Turner. Others in attendance were Howard McLean (Superintendent), Dr. Josh McLaurin (Executive Administrator), Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk), and Mike Flake (Board Attorney).

### **Call to Order**

George Truman opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### **Invocation**

Marilynn Bennett gave the Invocation.

### **Adopt Agenda**

Upon a motion by Frank Liles, seconded by Marilynn Bennett, the board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **Approve Minutes**

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A motion was made by Carol Gibson to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2023. The motion was seconded by Beulah Pratt and approved by the board. 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 4:07 p.m. for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of the Board pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11 (a)(6) and for the purpose of discussing 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 pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Lisa Davis and approved by the board. Motion carried.

There was no action taken.

### **Reconvene Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 5:07 p.m. upon a motion by Frank Liles. The motion was seconded by Mike Turner and approved by the board. Motion carried.

### **Recognition**

The board recognized and congratulated the following schools for achieving and exceeding expected academic growth under North Carolina's accountability system.

- Wadesboro Elementary School
- Peachland-Polkton Elementary School
- Lilesville Elementary School

- Morven Elementary School
- Anson Early College High School

The board recognized the Anson Women’s League and International Teachers. On behalf of the board, Dr. Truman thanked the Anson Women’s League for their time, generosity, and support of the international teachers.

### Public Comment

There was no one present to speak during this section of the meeting.

### Superintendent’s Report

Mr. McLean gave reports on Budget, Human Resources, Current Job Postings, Curriculum, Operations and Community Use of Facilities.

Testing and Accountability Director, Joy Wallace, was present to share a summary of Anson High School’s End-of-Course testing data with the board (shown below). Jennifer Collard also spoke about improvement strategies that are being put in place for Anson High School.

### 2023-2024 Fall EOC Updates

Biology 18-19 = 31%	Eng 2 18-19 was 29%	NC Math 1 18-19 was 13%	NC Math 3 18-19 =12%
Biology Fall 22 = 2%	Eng 2 Fall 22 was 24%	NC Math 1 Fall 22 was 10%	NC Math 3 Fall 22 = 29%
Biology Spring 23 = 25%	Eng 2 Spring 23 was 15%	NC Math 1 Spring 23 was 5%	NC Math 3 Spring 23 = 39%
Biology 22-23 = 23%	Eng 2 22-23 was 24%	NC Math 1 Fall 22-23 was 7%	NC Math 3 22-23 = 39%
Biology Fall 23 = 11%	Eng 2 Fall 23 was 55%	NC Math 1 Fall 23 was 11%	NC Math 3 Fall 23 = 20%

### Educational Partners International

Dr. McLaurin was present to speak about Educational Partners International (EPI) and introduced Dr. David Long (EPI Director of Placement) to also share information about EPI. Dr. Long explained details about the agreement and answered questions from the board. Dr. Long stated that EPI recruits, vets, places, and supports K-12 classroom teachers in North Carolina. He said the main office is in North Carolina, and they work with five different states. After a question and answer session, Mr. Long told the board they are fine with any adjustments to the agreement as long as both attorneys for Anson County School Board and EPI are in agreement with the adjustments. Dr. Truman thanked Mr. Long for his time and the information he shared with the board.

### Consent Items

Upon a motion by Marilyn Bennett, seconded by Frank Liles, the board approved the Consent Items (Personnel Report, Budget Amendments, 2024-2025 School Calendar and 2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates). Motion carried.

### 2024 Legislative Committee Service

Upon a motion by Dr. Truman, seconded by Lisa Davis, the board nominated Dr. Bobbie Little to serve on the NCSBA Legislative Committee. Motion carried. Dr. Truman thanked Dr. Little for her willingness to take on this responsibility.

**Educational Partners International Agreement**

Mike Turner made a motion to table the Education Partners International Agreement. The motion was seconded by Carol Gibson and approved by the board. Motion carried. Dr. Truman asked the board to share questions and concerns with Dr. McLaurin regarding the agreement.

**Adjourn**

Mike Turner made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Frank Liles seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

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Dr. George Truman, Chairman

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Mr. Howard McLean, Secretary