

**Minutes**  
**Anson County Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, April 24, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Anson County Schools' Administrative Conference Room/Board Room**

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 24, 2023. Board members present in-person were Marilyn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Bobbie Little, Judy Little, Beulah Pratt, George Truman and Mike Turner. Others in attendance were Howard McLean (Superintendent), Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Pete Swails (Technology).

**Call to Order**

George Truman opened the meeting at 4:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

Judy Little gave the Invocation.

**Adopt Agenda**

Frank Liles made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Bennett and approved by the board. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes**

**Regular Meeting 03/27/23**

A motion was made by Carol Gibson to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2023. The motion was seconded by Lisa Davis and approved by the board. Motion carried.

**Closed Session**

Chair Truman asked for a motion to go into closed session. Frank Liles made a motion to go into closed session at 4:05 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 5:21 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner. The motion was seconded by Carol Gibson and approved by the board. Motion carried.

**Amend Agenda**

Lisa Davis made a motion to amend the agenda by adding c.05 "Relocate AXIS". The motion was seconded by Mike Turner and approved by the board. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Joel White was present to speak about keeping current 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the elementary schools due to them not being mature enough to be at the middle school and also due to there being issues with teacher shortage.

AJ Brown spoke and said he has a 5<sup>th</sup> grader and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader that attends Anson County Schools and he feels it's best to leave current 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the elementary schools.

#### Chair's Report

Dr. Truman shared the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee: Mr. Liles, Mr. Turner, Dr. Little and Dr. Truman.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. McLean gave reports on the Budget, Current Job Postings, Instructional/Operational Programs, Discipline Report and Community Use of Facilities.

Mr. McLean reminded stakeholders about the Strategic Plan that is located on our website and social media pages. He explained a lot of questions that have come up about the district are addressed in the plan. Mr. McLean also stated a hard copy plan can get picked up at the district office. He then summarized the Strategic Plan/Goals.

#### **Consent Items**

Chair Truman asked for a motion to approve the consent items. The motion was made by Frank Liles to approve the consent items (Personnel Report, Proposed Budget 2023-2024, Field Trip Request {AHS JROTC} and Anson County Coaching Supplement Guide {Revised}. Beulah Pratt seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. Motion carried.

#### **SPCC Board of Trustees Appointment**

Chair Truman asked for nominations for the SPCC Board of Trustees position. Mike Turner nominated Blake Hildreth. George Truman seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles, the board unanimously approved Blake Hildreth to fill the SPCC Board of Trustees position. Motion carried.

#### **K-5 Core Reading Program (Amplify)**

Ms. Collard, Ms. Adams and Ms. McLendon spoke about the K-5 Core Reading Program as well as other programs like Math that they plan to bring to the board next month for approval. Upon a motion by Frank Liles, seconded by Judy Little, the board approved the K-5 Core Reading Program (Amplify) as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Sole Source (Transfr)**

Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Beulah Pratt, the board approved the Sole Source (Transfr) as presented. Lisa Davis opposed the motion. Motion carried.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement for 2023-2024**

Dr. Truman summarized the survey results and asked for a motion from the board. Mike Turner made a motion to honor the survey results to keep current 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the elementary schools for the 2023-2024 school only. Carol Gibson reiterated this is just for one year. Dr. Truman and Judy Little opposed the motion. The motion was approved with a 7-2 vote. Motion carried.

**Relocate AXIS**

Lisa Davis made a motion to move the AXIS Program from Anson High School to an external site. Mike Turner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the board. Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was given by Lisa Davis at 6:14 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