

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022, 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 25, 2022. Board members present in-person were Marilyn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Gay Lookabill, Beulah Pratt, George Truman and Mike Turner. Bobbie Little arrived at 4:14 p.m. Others in attendance were Howard McLean (Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk), and Pete Swails (Technology). Principals were also present in the audience.

Call to Order

Carol Gibson opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Lisa Davis gave the Invocation.

Conflict of Interest Statement

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, Chair Carol Gibson reminded Board Members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. Lisa Davis stated a conflict with D3 on the personnel report. There were no other conflicts of interest noted. Chair Gibson 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.

Adopt Agenda

Gay Lookabill asked to move all Consent Items to New Business. Lisa Davis asked to add Consent Agenda Items topic to New Business. Upon a motion by Mike Tuner, seconded by Frank Liles, the board approved the agenda with changes noted above. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Regular Meeting 03/28/22

Special Meeting 04/12/22

A motion was made by Mike Turner to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 28, 2022, and the special meeting minutes of April 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Gay Lookabill and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Marilyn Bennett to go into closed session at 4:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. Motion carried.

There was no action taken.

Reconvene Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 5:27 p.m. upon a motion by Frank Liles, seconded by Beulah Pratt and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No one was present to speak during this section.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McLean gave reports on budget, personnel, instructional and operational programs, and discipline.

Mr. McLean asked Jennifer Collard to send summer school grant information to Anne Hyatt to share with the board.

Mr. McLean commended the ESSER Funding Team for receiving an excellent audit from the NC Department of Public Instruction with no findings.

Dr. Ratliff stated Covid numbers are low and she recommends continuing with optional masks for students and staff.

Old Business

Face Coverings Policy

Mike Turner made a motion to continue to keep masks optional for students and staff. The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. Motion carried.

New Business

Personnel Report

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Bobbie Little, the board approved the personnel report. Motion carried.

Proposed Budget 2022-2023

A motion was made by Frank Liles, seconded by Beulah Pratt, to approve the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023. Lisa Davis asked if there were any increases in fees or afterschool care. Joy Drake (finance officer) indicated a \$5 increase in afterschool care. Mike Turner asked for line item information for grants received so he can see the money that is coming in from outside sources. The board unanimously approved the proposed budget. Motion carried.

Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation PRC071

A motion was made by Mike Turner, seconded by George Truman, to approve the Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation PRC071. Ms. Lookabill asked for a list of the teachers that will receive this funding. Ms. Drake stated she will get that information to the board soon. The board approved the Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation PRC071. Motion carried.

K-12 Athletic Facilities Grant Tax Statement

A motion was made by Gay Lookabill, seconded by Lisa Davis, to approve the K-12 Athletic Facilities Grant Tax Statement. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the board.

Consent Agenda Items

Lisa Davis made a motion to keep consent agenda items on the agenda so that when a board member receives their board packet, they review the agenda and determine if they would like to move an item. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Bennett and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Mr. McLean updated the board on the donation request from the James Evans family and he stated the family decided to do a scholarship in memory of Mr. James Evans instead of a donation.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was given by Mike Turner at 6:16 p.m. George Truman seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Carol Ann Gibson, Chairperson

Mr. Howard McLean, Secretary