

Minutes

Anson County Board of Education

Monday, May 20, 2024

Regular Meeting 3:30 p.m.

Anson County Schools' Administrative Conference Room/Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2024. Board members present were Marilyn Bennett, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Dr. Bobbie Little, Judy Little, Beulah Pratt, George Truman, and Mike Turner. Lisa Davis was present via Go To Virtual Meeting. Others in attendance were Howard McLean (Superintendent), Dr. Josh McLaurin (Executive Administrator), and Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk).

Call to Order

George Truman opened the meeting at 3:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Marilynn Bennett gave the Invocation.

Adopt Agenda

Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Beulah Pratt, the board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Judy Little moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 29, 2024, and the Called Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2024. Carol Gibson seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. The motion carried.

Closed Session

Chair Truman asked for a motion to go into a closed session. Frank Liles made a motion to go into closed session at 3:34 p.m. for the purpose of matters related to student information per NCGS 143-318-11(a)(1), for matters 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 Mike Turner and approved by the board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Turner to uphold the superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Carol Gibson and unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

Reconvene Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 5:29 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 the following employees who completed the Aspiring Leaders Program sponsored by district administration:

Lawanda McLendon	Kyle Davis	Monica Wall	Elsa Relihan
Mary Beth Kiser	Nicole Steagall	Luke Hyatt	Veronica Smith
Katie Stewart	Andrea Marshall	Haily Jarman	Olia Storz
Katrice Thomas	Sandra Harrell	Janice Bennett	Patty Livingston
Amanda Horton	Eric Howell	Angela Adams	

Anson High School Athletic Teams and individuals were recognized for their athletic achievements during the Spring Season.

Public Comment

There was no one signed up to speak during the public comment section.

Chair's Report

Dr. Truman recognized Mr. McLean for his upcoming retirement and read the following Resolution that was presented to him by the board:

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MR. HOWARD E. MCLEAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS ANSON COUNTY'S SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FROM JUNE 1, 2020 – MAY 31, 2024

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard E. McLean has devoted 37 years of exemplary service to the Anson County School System, beginning as a 9th-grade Health and Physical Education Teacher in January 1987 and culminating in his role as Superintendent of Anson County Schools since July 2020;

WHEREAS, Howard McLean has exhibited unwavering dedication to the betterment of Anson County Schools, serving in various capacities, including Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, and Associate Superintendent;

WHEREAS, Howard McLean demonstrated exceptional leadership during the challenging times of the pandemic, prioritizing the safety of students and staff and garnering recognition as the 2021 NC Healthy Schools Superintendent of the Year for his efforts in ensuring the well-being of the school community amidst unprecedented circumstances;

WHEREAS, Under Howard McLean's stewardship, Anson County Schools have made significant strides academically, with five schools recognized by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for achieving and exceeding expected academic growth during the 2022-23 school year;

WHEREAS, Howard McLean's advocacy and relationship-building skills have resulted in securing essential funding for critical projects such as the \$41 million new middle school, further enriching the educational landscape of Anson County;

WHEREAS, Howard McLean's commitment to community service extends beyond the realm of education, exemplified by his involvement in various civic organizations and his steadfast support for initiatives benefiting the lives of Anson County students;

WHEREAS, Howard McLean's tenure has been characterized by his unwavering dedication to the principles of educational excellence, community engagement, and student welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Anson County Board of Education, on behalf of the Anson County School System and the citizens of Anson County, expresses profound gratitude to Superintendent Howard E. McLean for his exceptional leadership, tireless service and enduring commitment to the students, families, and educators of Anson County Schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our heartfelt wishes for a fulfilling retirement to Howard E. McLean, confident that the legacy of excellence he leaves behind will continue to inspire and uplift the Anson County community for generations to come.

Superintendent's Report

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

Mr. McLean addressed concerns raised regarding playground equipment at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School and district-wide. He noted the recent discovery of significant structural damage to part of Peachland-Polkton Elementary School's playground equipment, necessitating its removal. Additionally, he highlighted that playground equipment across the district typically has a 25-year lifespan and emphasized that state funding for playgrounds is unavailable. Consequently, Mr. McLean stressed the urgent need for a plan to replace the entire district's playground equipment, estimating the cost to be just shy of one million dollars based on received quotes.

Consent Items

Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Carol Gibson, the board approved the following consent items: Personnel Report, Student Fee Listing FY 24-25, and Student Transcript Fee Listing FY 24-25, Contract to Audit Accounts, Current Policy Updates (see below), 2024-2025 CTE Local Application and the Field Trip Request (Anson High JROTC). The board requested that Policy 3620 and Policy 2127 be laid on the table until the June board meeting. Dr. Little asked for Policy 4516 to also be placed on the agenda for discussion/revision at the June Meeting. Motion carried.

- 1310-4002 Parental Involvement
- 1760-7280 Prohibition Against Retaliation
- 3220 Technology in the Educational Program
- 3225-4312-7320 Technology Responsible Use
- 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability
- 3460 Graduation Requirements
- 4040-7310 Staff-Student Relations
- 4140 Foreign Exchange Students
- 4240-7312 Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety
- 4270-6145 Concussion and Head Injury
- 5023-6128-7268 Emergency Administration of Naloxone
- 6125 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7130 Licensure
- 8340 Insurance
- 8510 School Finance Officer
- 5071-7351 Electronically Stored Information Retention

Adjournment

Dr. Truman asked Mr. McLean to make the motion to adjourn. Mr. McLean made the motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Carol Gibson seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

Dr. George Truman, Chairman

Dr. Brian C. Ratliff, Secretary

PERSONNEL TO BE ADDED

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A.	CERTIFIED				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	TYPE OF CONTRACT	DATE EFFECTIVE
A-1	Caity Eason	WES	Instructional Coach	1 Year	6/1/2024
A-2	Keneen Lothian	AHS	Math Teacher	1 Year	8/12/2024
B.	CLASSIFIED				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION		DATE EFFECTIVE
B-1	Kathy Hudson	Transportation	Bus Driver		5/13/2024
C.	SUBSTITUTES — CLASSROOM				
	NAME				
	SUBSTITUTES — SCHOOL NUTRITION				
	NAME				
D.	TRANSFERS				
	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>				
	NAME	FROM	TO	POSITION	DATE EFFECTIVE
	<u>CERTIFIED</u>				
	NAME	FROM	TO	POSITION	DATE EFFECTIVE
D-1	Sarah Rushing	WES	AHS	EC Teacher	8/12/2024
	<u>CLASSIFIED</u>				
	NAME	FROM	TO	POSITION	DATE EFFECTIVE
D-2	Morgan Horne	Aide (AES)	AES	EC Aide	8/12/2024
D-3	India Wall	Aide (MES)	MES	EC Aide	8/12/2024
E.	RESIGNATIONS				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION		DATE EFFECTIVE
E-1	Angela Scaffe	LES	K-6 Teacher		6/30/2024
E-2	Jessica Webb	LES	K-6 Teacher		6/7/2024
E-3	Arthur Justin Jackson	AHS	Math Teacher		6/7/2024
E-4	Pamela Grant	AHS	Nurse (Part-Time)		5/13/2024
E-5	Rebecca Tolson	LES	K-6 Teacher		7/1/2024
E-6	Wendy Tarlton	CO	Administrative Assistant (EC Department)		5/31/2024

F.	RETIREEES				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION		DATE EFFECTIVE
F-1	Pamela Kondratick	MES	K-6 Position		7/1/2024
F-2	Jennifer Buckingham	ACEC	Math Teacher		7/1/2024
G.	DISMISSED				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION		DATE EFFECTIVE
H.	CHANGE IN STATUS				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	CHANGE	DATE EFFECTIVE
I.	ADMINISTRATIVE				
	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	TYPE OF CONTRACT	DATE EFFECTIVE