

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 26, 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, September 26, 2022. Board members present in-person were Marilyn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Gay Lookabill, Beulah Pratt, and Mike Turner. Bobbie Little and George Truman were present via Go To Virtual Meeting. Others in attendance were Howard McLean (Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent – present via Virtual Go To Meeting), Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk), and Pete Swails (Technology).

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Frank Liles 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. There were no conflicts presented. 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

Mike Turner requested to move all consent items to new business. Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Gay Lookabill, the board approved the agenda with changes. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes

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A motion was made by Gay Lookabill to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Lisa Davis to go into closed session at 4:04 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 5:33 p.m. upon a motion by George Truman. The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comment speakers for this meeting.

Delegates

Chair Gibson asked for four volunteers to attend the delegate assembly at the annual conference in November. Frank Liles, Beulah Pratt, Mike Turner and Ms. Gibson all volunteered to serve as a delegate.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McLean gave reports on the Anson Middle School project, current job postings, personnel, instructional programs.

AMS Project Update

Randy Baker and Jim Watson were present with Pinnacle Architect to give an update on the new Anson Middle School. Dr. Watson stated a meeting will be scheduled with the School Improvement Team at Anson Middle School to get their feedback on athletic facilities. He also mentioned meeting with child nutrition to get final input on the kitchen equipment. Dr. Watson said these would be the final meetings before plans are finalized. Dr. Watson stated he would contact Mr. McLean to schedule those meetings.

Mr. Baker said soil testing is being done this week. He also mentioned the traffic study will be going on this week as well. Mr. Baker explained vehicles will be counted as they come in and out of the high school and at the intersection. Mr. Baker said drawings will be completed soon and they will then proceed with getting approval for open bid. He said once we receive bids and get a contractor on site, a groundbreaking event will be done in November or December. He confirmed that everything is on track. Dr. Truman asked if contractors could use local vendors if they are available. Mr. Baker stated he can put that in the plan to give local vendors priority.

District Plan Re-Introduction

Mr. McLean stated he will re-introduce the district plan at the October board meeting where he will discuss low performing schools, safety plan, data and the two year plan with ILA.

New Business

Personnel Report

Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Mike Turner, the board approved the personnel report. Motion carried.

2022-2023 School Calendar

Upon a motion by Gay Lookabill, seconded by Beulah Pratt, the board approved the revised 2022-2023 School Calendar with an 8-1 vote. Lisa Davis opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Dream Builders Contract (Board of Education Professional Development)

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Frank Liles, the board approved participating in nine professional development support sessions as listed in the Dream Builders Contract. Dr. Truman requested the contract curriculum be reviewed as it relates to the key focus areas of equity and social justice in the principal development sessions. The motion passed with a 6-3 vote. Those opposing the motion were Mike Turner, Lisa Davis and Gay Lookabill.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was given by Frank Liles at 6:03 p.m. Lisa Davis seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Carol Ann Gibson, Chairperson

Mr. Howard McLean, Secretary