

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Anson County Schools' Administrative Conference Room/Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023, Board members present in-person 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 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Reorganization of the Board (Mike Flake)

Mike Flake opened the floor for nominations for chairperson and vice chairperson of the board.

Chairperson

Bobbie Little made a motion to nominate George Truman for chairperson. Mike Flake stated if there were no other nominations, then nominations would be closed. The board voted unanimously for George Truman as chairperson of the board. Motion carried.

Vice Chairperson

Mike Turner made a motion to nominate Frank Liles for vice chairperson. Mike Flake stated if there were no other nominations, then nominations would be closed. The board voted unanimously for Frank Liles as vice chairperson of the board. Motion carried.

Invocation

Frank Liles gave the Invocation.

Adopt Agenda

Dr. Truman asked for a motion to review the bonus pay information at this point in the agenda. The motion was made by Lisa Davis and seconded by Mike Turner. Marilynn Bennett opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Carol Gibson, the board voted to move Bonus Pay Information from Consent to New Business. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes

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A motion was made by Carol Gibson to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Chair Truman asked for a motion to go into a closed session. Mike Turner made a motion to go into closed session at 3:30 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 Carol Gibson and approved by the board. Motion carried.

There was no action taken.

Reconvene Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 4:15 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 Christmas Card Winners, Anson Middle School Golf Team, Coy Lear for having the least amount of strokes at each conference and tournament golf match, Anson Middle School Girls Track Team for having the most points at the Conference Championship, Huntley Bowers, Mobin Ali and Ethan Dillon for receiving all conference and honorable mention all conference honors for Anson High School Soccer, Allie Steagall, Brooklyn Miles, Lauren Dutton, Morgan Burr and Caroline Austin for receiving all conference and honorable mention all conference honors for Anson High School Volleyball, Kendrick Maye, Zach Griffin, Cedric Zeno, Jeremiah Griffin, Jayden Little, Luke Hyatt, Jazear Griffin, Cameron Little and Kendrick Maye for receiving all conference and honorable mention all conference honors.

Public Comment

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

Dr. Truman applauded school administration for the decrease in discipline numbers.

Dr. Truman also addressed the report regarding the new middle school and stated there was no additional proposal submitted. He said all of the funds for the middle school can only be used for the new middle school. Dr. Truman said the money being used is public school funds and is public information. He said when the county resolves its' audit issues, it could provide funding for the 6th-grade wing. As of now, he stated that the county has only provided \$5 million of the \$41 million that has been identified. Dr. Truman said the board is proud of the decisions being made and they are looking forward to the groundbreaking of the new middle school.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McLean gave reports on Budget, Human Resources, Current Job Postings, and Discipline.

Consent Items

Upon a motion by Frank Liles, seconded by Mike Turner, the board approved the Consent Items (Personnel Report and Budget Resolution). Motion carried.

Bonus Pay

Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Lisa Davis, the board unanimously approved an appreciation bonus pay for employees. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was given by Frank Liles at 5:05 p.m. Carol Gibson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Dr. George Truman, Chairman

Mr. Howard McLean, Secretary