

Minutes

Anson County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 20, 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, November 20, 2023, Board members present in-person were Marilyn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Dr. Bobbie Little, Beulah Pratt, George Truman and Mike Turner. Judy Little was absent. 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 4:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Lisa Davis gave the Invocation.

Adopt Agenda

Mike Turner made a motion to approve the agenda. Beulah Pratt seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Regular Meeting 10/30/23

Special Meeting 11/06/23

A motion was made by Lisa Davis to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 30, 2023, and the special meeting minutes of November 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Carol Gibson and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Chair Truman asked for a motion to go into a closed session. Lisa Davis made a motion to go into closed session at 4:02 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 Beulah Pratt and approved by the board. Motion carried.

There was no action taken.

Reconvene Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 5:28 p.m. upon a motion by Frank Liles. The motion was seconded by Mike Turner and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Marilyn Bennett, the board approved supporting the NC School Boards Action Center by contributing \$2000. Motion carried.

Recognition

The board recognized the Paraprofessionals of the Year, Beginning Teachers of the Year, Teachers of the Year, Educator of Excellence, and Principal of the Year.

Public Comment

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

Chair's Report

Carol Ann Gibson, Frank Liles, Beulah Pratt, and Marilyn Bennett spoke about the recent NC School Boards Association Annual Conference they attended. They all shared about the breakout sessions they attended, from high-impact tutoring to mental health sessions. Ms. Gibson and Mr. Turner also talked about the fantastic Farm Day they attended at Wadesboro Primary School. They both complimented the Wadesboro Primary staff for offering a great learning experience for students. Dr. Little said she enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal at Lilesville Elementary and thanked Ms. Flake for their hospitality.

Superintendent's Report

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

Mr. McLean said he started a principal internship program, and Mr. Vetter will be the first principal to participate in the program. He explained that other principals will have the opportunity to participate in the program as well.

Mr. McLean said he plans to start the Principal Leaders Program, where he is seeking teachers and other employees to be leaders who can be developed within the district. He said the sessions will be led by Dream Builders.

Consent Items

Mike Turner made a motion to approve the Consent Items (Personnel Report, District Strategic Plan for Improvement, and Fall Policy Updates listed below). The motion was seconded by Beulah Pratt and approved by the board. Motion carried.

- Parental Involvement 1310/4002
- Counseling Program 3610
- Staff-Student Relations 4040/7310
- Immunization and Health Requirements for Schools Admission 4110
- Discretionary Admission 4130
- School Assignment 4150
- Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety 4240/7312
- Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones) 4334/5035/7345
- Student Searches 4342
- Surveys of Students 4720
- Distribution and Display of Non-School Material 5210
- Operation of School Nutrition Services 6220
- School Meal and Competitive Foods Standards 6230

- Ethics and the Purchasing Function 6401/9100
- Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies 6430
- Recruitment and Selection of Personnel 7100
- Licensure 7130
- Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace 7232
- Leave 7510
- Family and Medical Leave 7520
- Employee Conflict of Interest 7730
- Personnel Files 7820
- Daily Deposits 8325
- Participation by Minority Businesses 9125

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was given by Mike Turner at 6:07 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