

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Charles Riddle Staff Development Center

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2015. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Superintendent), Howard McLean (Associate Superintendent), Holly Berry (Chief Financial Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk).

I. Call to Order

Chair Bobbie Little opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. Invocation

Chair Little asked Frank Liles to give the Invocation.

III. Conflict of Interest Statement

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, Chair Little reminded Board Members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. Lisa Davis communicated a conflict with the personnel report (D1). There were no other conflicts of interest communicated by the members. Chair Little 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.

IV. Adopt Agenda

Mike Turner made a motion to approve the agenda. Frank Liles seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board. Motion carried.

V. Approve Minutes

(Special Meeting 03-17-15)

(Regular Meeting 03-23-15)

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Carol Gibson the regular meeting minutes of March 17, 2015 and March 23, 2015, were unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

VI. Closed Session

- **Matters Related To Personnel**

Chair Little entertained a motion that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a) (6). This motion was made by Beulah Pratt, seconded by Mike Turner and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 5:41 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. Reconvene Open Session

- The Board returned to open session at 6:33 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Beulah Pratt. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. Recognition

The board of education recognized the Anson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team for advancing to the 2nd Round of the NCHSAA Playoffs and for a successful season as well as the AHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team for advancing to the 1st Round of the NCHSAA Playoffs and for a successful season. The board then recognized individual wrestling team members (Ravon Kirkland, Nickalaus Leak, Cedarrius Barrett and Justice Leak) along with their coaching staff on their outstanding accomplishments during the season.

Additionally, the board recognized Erin Thomas and Max Martin for being accepted into the NC Governor's School 2015 Session.

The following Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search participants were also recognized by the board: Caroline Thacker, Amber Walsh, Nathaniel Greene, Ethan Emrich, Thomas Buckingham, Beyonka Berry, Destiny Barrett and Asia Baker.

IX. Public Comment

There was no one to speak during this section.

X. Chair's Report

- Public Engagement: Several members spoke about public engagement events and activities they have been involved in or schools they have visited.

XI. Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Freeman gave a report on the Budget, Personnel, Current Job Postings and Community Use of Facilities.
- Budget: Mr. Freeman thanked the board for the work that has gone into the budget development. He said our commissioners do their very best to be supportive of our district as much as they can. Mr. Freeman asked if there were any questions about the budget development process. Carol Gibson asked why K-6 lunch is a quarter cheaper than the rest and is that something that is required. Mr. Freeman explained there is a guide that the child nutrition department utilizes to set parameters but he will obtain clarification on Ms. Gibson's question. Additionally, He said they are strongly exploring the community eligibility program this year and there will be additional conversations about this at the May meeting.

Driver's Education: Mr. Freeman said, we, along with other districts in NC, are at a crossroads where we really need to start charging a fee for driver education. He applauded the board for going so long without having to charge a fee. He stated this is the first year the general assembly will not be funding driver education at all. Mr. Freeman explained this year, for the first time, he is recommending that we align ourselves with other districts and start charging a fee for driver's education. Mr. Freeman said the state cap is \$65 per student. He stated they are very encouraged

that the general assembly may find funds to get us through another year but if they don't find those funds, the fee could go up to \$400 per student. Mr. Freeman said this is very alarming and very shocking. He mentioned that based on conversations with elected officials, he sincerely believes the elected officials are working on finding funds to help districts with driver education. Mr. Freeman said the fee will help to replenish the fleet of cars for driver education as well as repairs, etc. He said there is a law that public school systems must provide driver education. Mr. Freeman said he will keep the board posted as funding sources may come available.

- **Personnel:** Mr. Freeman explained the board would get a complete personnel recruiting report in May or June. He mentioned our district will conduct a local career fair on May 15-16, 2015, at Wadesboro Primary School. He said they have people who have replied to our mailings indicating they want to come to Anson County.

Ms. Bennett asked if there were any vacant K-6 positions at Ansonville Elementary. Mr. Freeman replied stating there are no vacancies at that school. He said the only two schools that have vacant K-6 positions are at Lilesville Elementary and Wadesboro Primary School and he said, in those cases, the students have been reassigned to other licensed staff members to deliver their instruction.

XII. Consent Items

- Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Beulah Pratt, the following consent items were approved by the board with Lisa Davis abstaining from voting due to a previously stated conflict of interest (Personnel Report, Proposed Budget, Budget Amendments, Examination Engagement Letter, Crestline Specialities, Inc. Contract, Sunbelt Distribution, Inc. Contract and Imagemark Business Services Contract. Motion carried.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Dr. Bobbie Little, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary