

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 29, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Anson County Schools' Administrative Conference Room/Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 29, 2022. Board members present in-person were Marilyn Bennett, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Bobbie Little, Gay Lookabill, Beulah Pratt, Mike Turner and George Truman. Lisa Davis was present via Go To Virtual Meeting. Others in attendance were Howard McLean (Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk), and Pete Swails (Technology).

Call to Order

Carol Gibson opened the meeting at 3:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Mike Turner 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 Tuner requested to move a.03 September 2022 Board Meeting Date Change Recommendation to New Business. Upon a motion by Gay Lookabill, seconded by George Truman, the board approved the agenda with changes. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Regular Meeting 07/25/22

A motion was made by Frank Liles to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 25, 2022. The motion was seconded by Gay Lookabill and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Marilyn Bennett to go into closed session at 3:09 p.m. The motion was seconded by Gay Lookabill 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.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McLean gave reports on the Anson Middle School project, current job postings, personnel, instructional programs and Anson High School Challenge Course/Ropes Course.

AMS Project Update

Randy Baker with Pinnacle Architect was present to give an update on the new Anson Middle School to the board. Mr. Baker stated he will bring the color scheme proposal to the board that will go into the bid process. He also mentioned coming back to meet with school nutrition, maintenance and other departments to ensure everyone is on the same page with what is being put in the new school. Mr. McLean asked the board what input they wanted in the color scheme and Mr. Turner stated the board wants to approve the color scheme.

First Day of School Update from Principals

Mr. McLean invited principals to share an update with the board on their first day of school. Each principal spoke about how well the first day went even with several staff members out due to Covid issues. Overall, principals stated they were very pleased with the start to the 2022-2023 school year.

Instructional Leadership Academy

Mr. McLean said the Instructional Leadership Academy program will be shared at the October board meeting. He explained his excitement about the program and he looks forward to sharing more with stakeholders in October.

School Safety

Mr. McLean stated he will be rolling out the full safety plan in October. He explained that as long as students and staff feel safe, everything else will fall into place. Mr. McLean also mentioned the district is applying for a grant for additional School Resource Officers. He said if the grant is funded, the School Resource Officers will be assigned to Peachland-Polkton Elementary and Ansonville Elementary School.

Ropes Course

Mr. McLean said there is a plan for the ropes course and it will be relocated at the appropriate time. He stated no one is against the ropes course. Mr. McLean explained they plan to get guidance from the architect group on the best place to relocate the ropes course and possibly the rifle range that will benefit all students.

COVID Update

Dr. Ratliff shared updates regarding COVID-19 and the guidelines for return to work or school.

Consent Items

Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by George Truman, the board approved the following consent items: Personnel Report, 2022-2023 School Calendar (Revised – the graduation date will be revisited at the next meeting) and Title I and II Spending Plans. Motion carried.

New Business

September 2022 Board Meeting Date Change Recommendation

Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles, the board approved keeping the September board date on September 26 and moving the June board meeting to June 26. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was given by Mike Turner at 6:16 p.m. Frank Liles seconded the motion and it was approved by the board. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Carol Ann Gibson, Chairperson

Mr. Howard McLean, Secretary