

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Anson County Schools' Administrative Office
Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, June 28, 2018. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Superintendent), Howard McLean (Associate Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent), Holly Berry (Chief Finance Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk).

I. Call to Order

Chair George Truman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Invocation

Dr. Truman asked Beulah Pratt 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 George Truman reminded Board Members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. There were no conflicts of interest communicated by the members. Chair Truman 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 his attention. He 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

Lisa Davis made a motion to approve the agenda. Beulah Pratt seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board. Motion carried.

V. Approve Minutes

(Regular Meeting 05-21-18)

A motion was made by Frank Liles to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2018. The motion was seconded by Beulah Pratt and approved by the board. Motion carried.

VI. Closed Session

○ Matters Related to Personnel

George Truman entertained a motion for the Board to 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 Lisa Davis, seconded by Marilynn Bennett and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 10:03 a.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. Reconvene Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 11:37 a.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Beulah Pratt and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Marilynn Bennett, seconded by Frank Liles, the board voted to approve the superintendent's contract as prepared by the board attorney. Motion carried.

VIII. **Public Comment**

There was no one to speak during public comment.

IX. **Chair's Report**

Public Engagement: Several board members discussed attending graduation and how well the breakfast was before graduation. The board asked Mr. Freeman to pass their compliments along to those that helped organize and prepare the breakfast. Members also mentioned attending other year-end school events and activities.

X. **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Freeman gave a report on Human Resources, Budget, Current Job Postings, Facilities, Current Projects and Instructional Programs.

New School Construction Monthly Update

- Finance Committee (Dr. Truman, Mrs. Davis and Dr. Little):
Mr. Freeman said the commissioners/county agreed to have someone from the Institute of Government look at the county's finances to help determine ways to fund a new school and to find out any alternative funding resources. Dr. Truman stated he might want an interim meeting prior to the task force meeting. Mr. Freeman explained Mrs. Hyatt will collect good dates before the next commissioner's meeting.

Facilities/Current Project Updates

Mr. Freeman gave the following updates:

- Phase 1 has been completed for the land at the high school.
- Reports on timber should be finalized soon.
- Numerous summer projects are in process at the schools; the maintenance department has a busy summer lined up.
- Trees are growing against some school buildings and those areas will be addressed soon.

Mr. Freeman stated the judicial system wants local school districts to enter into a MOU involving student discipline and ways to approach discipline. He explained superintendents have teamed up with NCSBA/NCASA and they have strongly encouraged superintendents not to enter into a MOU with the judicial system. Mr. Freeman said more information will be shared as they learn additional facts on this topic. Ms. Davis stated the Sheriff's Association is in agreement with the superintendents and NCSBA/NCASA on the matter. Furthermore, Mr. Freeman said they are working on a SRO Grant to secure an additional SRO for the district.

Budget

Mr. Freeman said Rita James confirmed the Institute of Government will be able to get someone to come down to look at the county finances to see if they can give advice on how we can leverage money the county has or if there is money the county could qualify for.

Due to recent solicitations being made to local businesses and churches from out-of-state companies, Mr. Freeman explained the leadership team will be reviewing the fundraising and soliciting funds policy. He stated they want to ensure district employees stay within fundraising guidelines and they want our community members and businesses that donate money to know they are giving it to our school system. Mr. Freeman said a list of valid fundraisers will be compiled and eventually posted on our website for reference for our district and community.

Dr. Truman told Mr. Freeman the board wants to move forward with getting the sound system for the board room.

Dr. Truman asked how the YCC program will be sustained after the grant ends. Mr. Freeman stated the grant will end September 30. He mentioned they have been building the CTE program the last few years and they hope to utilize some of the CTE funds to continue services. Mr. Freeman explained they have also invested in equipment that will last many years and will only be designated for that school. He said very little staffing was paid for out of the grant. Additionally, Mr. Freeman stated since the high school principal will be in full control of the program after the grants ends, the instructional council will be guiding Mr. Stinson along the way to support him with the program. Mr. Freeman mentioned they will also start the journey of looking for other grants to assist in sustaining the program. He said they want to go beyond sustaining the program and expand the program.

XI. **Consent Items**

Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Lisa Davis, the following consent items were approved by the board: Personnel Report, Budget Amendments, Lease Agreements between Anson County Schools and Union County Community Action for the Central Center and Morven Elementary locations, Copier Lease Agreement between Sharp Business Systems and Anson County Schools and the Career and Technical Education Plan. Motion carried.

XII. **New Business**

Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Marilyn Bennett, the Contract between Anson Contractors and Anson County Schools for the Anson High School Track Project was approved by the board. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 1:06 p.m. by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Dr. George Truman, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary