

**Minutes**  
**Anson County Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, August 27, 2018, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Anson County Schools' Administrative Office**  
**Board Room**

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2018. All members were present. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Superintendent), Howard McLean (Associate Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent), Holly Berry (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 gave 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**

Frank Liles 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 07/23/18 and 07/30/18)**

A motion was made by Gay Lookabill to approve the special meeting minutes of July 23, 2018 and the regular meeting minutes of July 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Carol Gibson 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 Frank Liles and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 4:36 p.m.

There was no action taken.

**VII. Reconvene Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 5:45 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Marilyn Bennett and approved by the board. Motion carried.

VIII. **Public Comment**

There was no one to speak during public comment.

IX. **Chair's Report**

Public Engagement: Several board members discussed schools they have recently visited and events and activities they have participated in at the schools and within the community. Mr. Turner complimented Mrs. McCormick and Wadesboro Elementary School on how clean their school was when he visited it today. Ms. Gibson said she visited Wadesboro Primary and Wadesboro Elementary during open house and she was pleased with the turnout. Additionally, Ms. Bennett was pleased with the turnout at the schools she visited.

Raleigh Dingman Award Nomination: Upon a motion by Beulah Pratt, seconded by Lisa Davis, Marilynn Bennett was nominated by the board for the Raleigh Dingman Award. Mike Turner made a motion to close nominations and Carol Gibson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to nominate Marilynn Bennett for the Raleigh Dingman Award. Motion carried. Ms. Bennett said she was honored and thanked the board for the nomination.

X. **Superintendent's Report**

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

Current Projects Updates

- Track project is progressing well and Mr. Freeman will update the board with pictures.
- By September 21 hoping to have painting and roofing done to the field house.
- Mr. Freeman will continue to update the board as the project moves forward.

New School Construction Update

Mr. Freeman told the board he found out there was a called commissioner's meeting last week and they found out the main topic was the application he presented to the commissioners for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund. He explained the commissioner's concern was how they would come up with the balance to build the school and they had questions about the amount that was to be placed on the application for the cost to build the full school. Mr. Freeman said he used the facility study and met with individuals from other districts that had projects going on and he said they also had to allow for inflation. He stated the total amount that he broadly estimated was \$49 million for the school. Mr. Freeman said he does not think it will cost that much but he also reminded the board again the total includes inflation. Mr. Freeman said he hopes the cost will come in at the \$40 million range. He stated he told the commissioners he would rather overestimate than underestimate the cost and have to go back to the commissioners for more money. Mr. Freeman explained we would still need money to finish the renovations at the high school. He stated that Lawrence Gatewood supported the application and told the commissioners of his support. Mr. Freeman said Jarvis Woodburn made a motion to approve the application and the motion stalled and then died because they couldn't get enough votes. Mr. Freeman explained the commissioners called another meeting for August 28 at 6:00 p.m. in hopes to get all the commissioners in attendance to engage in the conversation. Mr. Freeman said he has in an email where Ms. Cannon confirmed the commissioner's meeting will be August 28 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Freeman stated Mr. Streater is under the opinion we should do a bond referendum. However, Mr. Freeman said he doesn't think the time frame will allow a bond referendum to go on a ballot. He explained the concern with waiting for another election cycle is the grant opportunity will not be available.

Mr. Freeman said the commissioners have made decisions on other facilities without having to involve citizens of Anson County. He said if the commissioners refused to sign the grant, they will not be able to submit the grant before the deadline. Mr. Freeman explained if they submit the application and are awarded the money, they have five years to use the money. He stated just because the application is submitted doesn't mean they will get the money. Mr. Freeman commended the board of education for signing the application. Mr. Freeman also stated he submitted a grant for an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) and the commissioners would need to match a little over \$16,000 and he explained they had questions and did not vote on the SRO grant as well. Mr. Freeman said he will know after tomorrow night whether the grants are approved by the commissioners. Upon a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Mike Turner, the board unanimously voted to approve the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant application to be completed and submitted to the board of commissioners for approval. Motion carried.

**XI. Consent Items**

Carol Gibson mentioned the word "curriculum" was misspelled and needed to be corrected on the Title I Breakdown of School Allotments. Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Lisa Davis, the following consent items were approved by the board with the correction noted by Carol Gibson on the Title I Spending Plan: Personnel Report, Title I and Title II Spending Plans, Contract Amendment between Futures Education, LLC and the Anson County School District, Alternative Schools' Accountability Model (Anson Academy) and the Whole Child Resolution. Motion carried.

Mr. Freeman asked the board if the September 24 board meeting could be rescheduled to October 1. Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles, the board approved to reschedule the September 24 board meeting to October 1. Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:43 p.m. by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

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Dr. George Truman, Chairperson

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Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary