

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Charles Riddle Staff Development Center

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2015. All members were present except for an excused absence from Dr. George Truman and Beulah Pratt arrived at 5:35 p.m. Others in attendance were Michael Freeman (Superintendent), Howard McLean (Associate Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant 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. There were no 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

Carol Gibson 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

(Regular Meeting 09-21-15)

Upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by Mike Turner, the regular meeting minutes of September 21, 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) and for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11 (a) (5). This motion was made by Frank Liles, seconded by Carol Gibson and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 5:37 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. **Reconvene Open Session**

- The Board returned to open session at 7:06 p.m. upon a motion by Marilyn Bennett, seconded by Frank Liles. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

VIII. **Public Comment**

Vivian Gatewood was present to express her concerns with classrooms being overcrowded and not enough computers. She said students need books that will help them solve Math problems. Ms. Gatewood requested school board members be more vigilant in the community and to let parents know they are welcome in the school.

IX. **Chair's Report**

Public Engagement: Several board members discussed the opportunities they have had to visit schools and attend events and programs.

Raleigh Dingman Award Nomination: Marilyn Bennett nominated Lisa Davis. Beulah Pratt seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

X. **Superintendent's Report**

- Mr. Freeman gave a report on the Budget, Personnel, Current Job Postings and Community Use of Facilities and Current Projects.
- Mr. Freeman informed the board that a team of staff from Peachland-Polkton Elementary School participated in the United Way Day of Caring and helped a local citizen with improvements to their home.
- FY 14-15 Annual Audit Presentation (Evan Rives): Mr. Rives began his presentation by commending Holly Berry and the finance department for the great work they do each year. Mr. Rives stated Anson County Schools will receive an unmodified opinion which is the best that can be given. He offered detailed discussion and dialogue with board members and answered questions thoroughly. Mr. Freeman commented if members have questions, to contact his office.
- Human Resources: Mr. Godwin stated they have attended several career fairs and had some success with Penn State regarding potential candidates. Mr. Godwin also commented the grant money received last year will most likely not be available this year. He explained they are within five positions of being fully staffed and are continuing to make progress. Mr. Freeman explained a team from NC Central University visited with administration and discussed providing student teachers if we could provide host families. He said they were very receptive to ideas that were discussed and everyone is excited about this new venture with NCCU. Mr. Freeman further commented that NCCU will meet with our teacher assistants and any others who would like to become certified teachers. He said administration will keep everyone posted as conversations continue in November or December.

Current Projects Update: Mr. Freeman said he was happy to report the AMS gym will be opening up this week. He reminded the board of the structural concerns that occurred and they have received (in writing) from the engineer that the gym is safe to operate by students and staff.

Mr. Freeman discussed extensive water damage at LES due to issues with water accumulation upstairs with the cooling system. He explained the water was several inches deep and they are anticipating the damage will be over \$20,000.

Mr. Freeman said he has not had any questions regarding connectivity at ANTHS or AHS.

- School and District Performance Data (Sheri High & Howard McLean): Mr. Freeman asked Mr. McLean and Sheri High to share school and district performance data. After Mrs. High's presentation, Mr. Freeman explained they are preparing a school district improvement plan and highlighted and emphasized the timeline for the plan. Mr. McLean said they are required to come up with a plan because the district is identified as a low performing district. He said there are two questions that must be answered (how are we going to help those schools exceed growth and how are we going to help them maintain a C grade). Mr. McLean stated board members will get a preliminary plan by Friday, October 30. Mr. Freeman explained the preliminary plan will be presented to the board in November and, if approved, administration will send it to the State Board of Education (SBE). He said the SBE must review it and return to us with their input and recommendations within five days. Mr. Freeman stated, after that, the final plan will be emailed December 11 to board members and will then be presented at the December 14th board meeting for approval. He said, if the final plan is approved, administration will send it to the SBE once again.
- Mr. Freeman informed the board the school district has been invited to present at the NC School Boards' Association Annual Conference and the topic will be Youth Career Connect.

XI. **Consent Items**

Carol Gibson asked about Policy 6306 and the number of idling minutes. Mr. Freeman will verify the number of idling minutes but assured Ms. Gibson it was accurate. Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles, the following consent items were approved by the board (Personnel Report, Budget Resolution and the policies listed below). Motion carried.

- 6000 Support Services
- 6100 Goals of Student Health Services
- 6110 Organization of Student Health Services
- 6120 Student Health Services
- 6125 Administering Medicines to Students
- 4270/6145 Concussion and Head Injury
- 6200 Goals of School Nutrition Services
- 6210 Organization of School Nutrition Services
- 6220 Operation of School Nutrition Services
- 6225 Free and Reduced Price Meal Services

- 6230 School Meal and Competitive Foods Standards
- 6300 Goals of Student Transportation Services
- 6306 School Bus Idling
- 6310 Organization of Student Transportation Services
- 6325 Parking Areas for Students
- 6330 Insurance for Student Transportation Services

XII. New Business

Administration said these policies will lay on the table until the next board meeting and if there are questions to please notify Mr. Freeman. Motion carried.

- 1310/4002 Parental Involvement
- 1320/3560 Title I Parent Involvement
- 1710/4021/7230 Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying
- 4040/7310 Staff-Student Relations
- 4152 Unsafe School Choice Transfer
- 4320 Tobacco Products – Students
- 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- 5026/7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products
- 5027/7275 Weapons and Explosives Prohibited
- 7335 Employee Use of Social Media
- 7500 Workday and Overtime
- 7730 Employee Conflict of Interest
- 9010 Site Selection
- 9020 Facility Design
- 9110 Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers At Risk
- 1742/5060 Responding to Complaints
- 4335 Criminal Behavior
- 9400 Sale, Disposal, and Lease of Board-Owned Real Property

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 8:58 p.m.

Dr. Bobbie Little, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary