

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 30, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Anson County Schools' Administrative Office
Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 30, 2017. All members were present. Beulah Pratt arrived at 5:36 p.m. 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 Bobbie Little opened the meeting and welcomed all visitors.

II. **Invocation**

Frank Liles 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 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**

George Truman made a motion to approve the agenda. Marilynn Bennett seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board. Motion carried.

V. **Approve Minutes**
(Regular Meeting 09-14-17)

A motion was made by Frank Liles to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2017. The motion was seconded by Lisa Davis and 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 George Truman, seconded by Lisa Davis and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 5:35 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. **Reconvene Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 6:32 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Marilynn Bennett. Motion carried.

VIII. **Recognition**

The board recognized the 2017-2018 Paraprofessionals, Teachers and the Principal of the Year. Additionally, the board recognized numerous child nutrition staff members that met requirements of food safety.

Mr. Freeman acknowledge the board of education for being a recipient of the Silver Bell Award presented by the NC School Boards Association for working toward their continuing education credits.

IX. **Public Comment**

There was no one signed up to speak during this section.

X. **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.

XI. **Superintendent's Report**

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

Climate Control Gyms:

Mr. Freeman clarified with the board about Mr. Turner's question regarding climate control at the Wadesboro Elementary Gym from last month's meeting. Mr. Freeman stated he researched the minutes and recording and found that Mr. Turner actually made the motion (seconded by Lisa Davis) to approve the climate control for that facility and it was unanimously approved by the board. Mr. Freeman further clarified the recording identified how he explained the Wadesboro Elementary Gym would be a back-up if we were fortunate enough to build a new gym at Anson High School or where the gym might be totally renovated. Mr. Freeman stated that Mr. Napier, Ms. Berry, Mr. McLean and others are collecting data points about the facility and what options are available and he will continue to update the board monthly. He explained there are electrical issues that will need to be addressed and they are vetting this information with the Department of Public Instruction to determine if they will have to pay an engineer for consulting. He said when looking at climate control and electrical information, cost may come in cheaper than anticipated but they are still looking at \$300,000-\$400,000. Mr. Freeman said what he will share with the board is a plan to consider adding air conditioning and getting the electrical service up to standard. Additionally, Mr. Freeman said he will present a plan for totally renovating the facility to include renovating locker rooms and adding ADA compliant restrooms as well as plan for consideration for totally building a new gym for high school students. From that point, Mr. Freeman stated (with the board's support and direction) there will be detailed conversations with the county commissioners. Mr. Freeman said he is on an ambitious timeline so if they choose an option that involves adding climate control only, he intends to have that done before another volleyball season. He said August in that gym is terrible as it pertains to medical needs of people.

Mr. Freeman also gave an update on the middle school gym floor and how they determined the flooring will be safe to use for basketball season. Additionally, Mr. Freeman updated the board on the high school track and softball field lights. He also explained they are working on purchasing additional equipment for the track program.

Mr. Freeman notified the board that an award of \$26,000 was secured for art activities in our schools. He stated the grant that was put together will allow our students to develop products to put on display in our facilities and other locations in our community. Ms. Bennett asked what grade levels would be involved. Mr. Freeman said he hopes it will be K-12.

Mr. Freeman mentioned the district also received a \$40,000 check that will allow the opportunity to revamp the Anson Middle School Media Center where equipment, books, technology and furniture will be updated so students will take pride in their library. Additionally, Mr. Freeman told the board if they visit Anson High School, to ask Mr. Stinson to give them a tour of the cafetorium. He explained the cafetorium is an industry presentation room for our YCC program with new furniture and bistro-type tables.

XII. **Consent Items**

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Frank Liles, the following consent items were approved by the board: Personnel Report, Budget Amendments, District Improvement Plan and Current Policy Updates listed below. Motion carried.

- 1310/4002 Parental Involvement
- 1510/4200/7270 School Safety
- 2400 Board Policies
- 3000 Goals and Objective of the Educational Program
- 3100 Curriculum Development
- 3110 Innovation in Curriculum and Instruction
- 3230/7330 Copyright Compliance
- 3460 Graduation Requirements
- 4040/7310 Staff-Student Relations
- 4155 Assignment to Class
- 4240/7312 Child Abuse – Reports and Investigations
- 4600 Student Fees

- 6125 Administering Medicines to Students
- 6321 Bus Routes
- 6340 Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts
- 6442 Vendor Lists
- 6450 Purchase of Services
- 6520 Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies
- 6560 Disposal of Surplus Property
- 7510 Leave
- 7530 Military Leave
- 7900 Resignation
- 7940 Classified Personnel: Suspension and Dismissal
- 8510 School Finance Officer
- 1610/7800 Professional and Staff Development
- 3101 Dual Enrollment
- 3130 Grouping for Instruction
- 3210 Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials
- 3400 Evaluation of Student Progress
- 3410 Testing and Assessment Program
- 3430 School Improvement Plan
- 3431 Conflict Resolution
- 3640/5130 Student Voter Registration and Preregistration
- 4320 Tobacco Products - Students
- 5000 Schools and the Community
- 5026/7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products
- 6120 Student Health Services
- 6410 Organization of the Purchasing Function
- 6530 Resource Conservation
- 4316 Student Dress Code
- 9300 Naming Facilities

Mr. Freeman congratulated the board on only having 40 more policies that need to be completed to finalize the policy customization process.

XIII. **New Business**

Policy 2670:

Mr. Freeman stated this is a new policy that is a requirement by law where the NC School Boards Association created the policy for us and for our review. He explained this policy will be on the agenda for approval in November and then a list of council members will be recommended at the December board meeting. Mr. Freeman asked members to let him know a week before the November board meeting if there are questions about this policy.

XIV. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:39 p.m. by Frank Liles, seconded by Carol Gibson. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Dr. Bobbie Little, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary