

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Anson County Schools' Administrative Office
Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2017. 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 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

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 10-30-17)

A motion was made by Frank Liles to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 30, 2017 with corrections noted by Carol Ann Gibson. 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 Christmas Card Design Contest Winners. Additionally, the board recognized the Anson Middle School Blue Volleyball Team for competing in the championship game, the Anson High School Varsity Volleyball Team for advancing to the 3rd round of the NCHSAA Playoffs and they recognized the Anson High School Varsity Football Team for advancing to the 1st round of the NCHSAA Playoffs.

On behalf of Mark Johnson (State Superintendent), Mr. Freeman recognized individual schools for their academic growth during the 2016-2017 school year.

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, Budget, Current Job Postings, Facilities/Current Projects and Instructional Programs.

FY 2016-2017 Annual Audit Presentation (Evan Rives): Mr. Evan Rives was present to give the Annual Audit Presentation for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Carol Ann Gibson asked if administration would look at the booths at all the schools. Mr. Freeman confirmed they would look into the concern with the cafeteria booths. He also stated decisions about booths years ago were decisions made with the best of intentions at that time. He explained they won't just automatically replace the booths without exploring what is best for each school.

Following Mr. Rives' audit presentation, Marilyn Bennett suggested the board thank Holly Berry for her exemplary work. The board then applauded Mrs. Berry and thanked her for the outstanding job performance she does in the finance department.

Current Project Updates:

Mr. Freeman stated Wadesboro Elementary School is close to having the climate control project finished at part of that school.

He also indicated they are not far from having a timeline for the installation of the lights at the high school softball field.

Mr. Freeman said they are anticipating (very soon) something in writing from the engineers on the recommendations and quotes for the track at Anson High School and the water issues occurring at the hill side of the track.

Mr. Freeman discussed that conversations are happening with design groups in looking at the gym at Anson High School and they are hoping to have some ideas soon. Mr. Freeman stated they will have two to three options so that we can start giving recommendations and talking with commissioners about what we are able to do with the gym.

Mr. Freeman thanked the board for coming out to the Golden Leaf check presentation. He said the program at Anson Middle School is getting started extremely well. He further commented how excited he is to know this will be a shift for the middle school students that will pave the way for their high school experience.

XII. **Consent Items**

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Mike Turner, the following consent items were approved by the board: Personnel Report, Budget Amendments and District Final Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

XIII. **Old Business**

Policy 2670 Business Advisory Council:

Upon a motion by Carol Ann Gibson, seconded by Beulah Pratt. Policy 2670 Business Advisory Council was unanimously approved by the board. Motion carried.

Dr. Truman was recognized on behalf of his fellow board members for being appointed to the All-State Board.

Mike Turner asked if Mr. Freeman was getting prices on totally renovating the gym. Mr. Freeman said there will be several different scenarios presented.

XIV. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 p.m. by George Truman, seconded by Frank Liles. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Dr. Bobbie Little, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary