

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2017, 3:30 p.m.
Anson County Schools' Administrative Office
Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2017. All members were present except for an excused absence from Beulah Pratt. 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

George 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 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. Lisa Davis seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously adopted by the Board. Motion carried.

**V. Approve Minutes
(Regular Meeting 11-20-17)**

A motion was made by Carol Gibson to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 20, 2017 with a correction noted by Ms. Gibson to add the word "cafeteria" in front of the word "booth" on page two of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Bennett 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 Frank Liles, seconded by Marilyn Bennett and unanimously approved by the board. The Board went into closed session at 3:33 p.m.

There was no action taken.

VII. **Reconvene Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 4:55 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner seconded by Carol Gibson and approved by the board. Motion carried.

VIII. **Public Comment**

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

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.

X. **Superintendent's Report**

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

Current Project Updates:

Mr. Freeman stated the projects they have going on are still on track. He said they have finally made progress to get the engineer to give the approval on the track at Anson High. He also mentioned they are on the calendar with the company that will install the softball field lights but the department of public instruction has not given the approval at this time. Dr. Truman asked if the engineers are designing a way to get the water issues under control around the track.

Mr. Freeman confirmed the designs will include solutions to the water issues.

Mr. Freeman said they are still receiving feedback from Pinnacle Architect on the high school gym situation and they are looking at what can be done in reference to the gym as a total project as well as climate control so approvals can be made to move forward with that project.

Additionally, he discussed the field house repairs and how well that project is going and mentioned the flooring company should come tomorrow to install the flooring. He said the field house roof has been taken care of and Southern Fabricators are doing a nice donation of the powder coating for the lockers which is tremendous price savings.

Mr. Freeman explained they are working with Peachland-Polkton Elementary and Morven Elementary Schools to get quotes for replacing their intercom system. He said they are hoping to get approval to move forward soon. Mr. Freeman stated the goal is to get this job done in under \$90,000 but obviously it is a safety concern and a great need for those schools.

Mr. Freeman updated the board on the lighting upgrade at Anson High School in front of H Building where they will be upgrading to five LED lights in that area that will improve safety and visibility.

Mr. Freeman mentioned to the board about proposing a new start time of 4:30 p.m. for future board meetings due to having to deal with darkness concerns and inclement weather issues. He explained after board meetings, there have been members that have been solicited for money by individuals in the parking lot. Additionally, he explained when there is inclement weather, board members would be able to get home at a reasonable time if the start time was earlier. He further stated the new start time would give the board more time to discuss and focus on

additional topics. Board members were all in agreement to begin a new start time of 4:30 p.m. for future board meetings. Mr. Freeman stated that Anne will begin advertising this change.

Instructional Programs:

Mr. Freeman invited Mr. McLean to discuss the iReady program. He explained how he recently had people from across the state to praise our district on the implementation of the iReady program. Mr. McLean gave an update and discussed the program and how it is aligned with what the district wants to accomplish. He stated the iReady company is the only one with a money back guarantee. Mr. Freeman chimed in and stated the program aligns with our curriculum. Ms. Bennett asked if the program would give grade level or individual student information. Mr. McLean confirmed the program offers individual student information. Mr. Freeman said he has been impressed with how teachers have not voiced complaints about the program. Mr. McLean agreed and said if stakeholders are involved in the process of selecting products and programs, you tend to not have negative feedback. Mr. McLean stated they are overall pleased with iReady and the implementation of the program.

XI. **Consent Items**

Upon a motion by George Truman, seconded by Marilyn Bennett, the following consent items were approved by the board: Personnel Report and Budget Amendments. Motion carried.

Mr. Freeman said he will be working with Anne to get information to the board on the January board meetings. He also stated he has a request to move the January board meeting up a little earlier. Mr. Freeman said he will poll the board on January meeting options and then have Mrs. Hyatt to send emails on his behalf about those dates.

XII. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:53 p.m. by Frank Liles, seconded by Carol Gibson and approved by the board. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Dr. Bobbie Little, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary