

Minutes

Anson County Board of Education
Monday, October 28, 2024
Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room

The Anson County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, October 28, 2024. Board members present were Marilyn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Carol Gibson, Frank Liles, Bobbie Little, Beulah Pratt, George Truman, and Mike Turner. Judy Little was absent. Others in attendance were Dr. Brian Ratliff (Superintendent), Dr. Josh McLaurin (Executive Administrator), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk).

Call to Order

George Truman opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Mike Turner gave the Invocation.

Adopt Agenda

The board voted to adopt the agenda as presented with a motion by Frank Liles, seconded by Carol Gibson. The motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Lisa Davis moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 30, 2024. Beulah Pratt seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. The motion carried.

Closed Session

Chair Truman asked for a motion to go into a closed session. Marilyn Bennett made a motion to go into closed session at 5:06 p.m. to consider a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of the Board pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11 (a)(6) and to discuss the acquisition of real estate or to discuss the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property according to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Beulah Pratt and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Reconvene Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 5:59 p.m. upon a motion by Carol Ann Gibson. Frank Liles seconded the motion, which was approved by the board and carried.

Recognition

The board recognized the Morven Chapter of Las Amigas and they presented a check to the Anson County Schools Homeless Fund in memory of Dr. Altheria Patton.

The board recognized the Principal of the Year, Teachers of the Year, Beginning Teachers of the Year, Paraprofessionals of the Year, Exceptional Children's Educator of Excellence, and the CTE Teacher of the Year.

Public Comment

There was no one present to speak during this section.

Chair's Report

Dr. Truman recognized Cyril Prabhu who shared information on the 5&2 Trade School. Mr. Prabhu said the school is a former prison in Anson County. He mentioned the school would offer free education for students who have or had a parent incarcerated, training in five trades, such as digital arts, farming, welding, automotive repair, and culinary arts, so they can transition into fruitful careers. Mr. Prabhu wants to recruit Anson County high school students to allow them to attend this school. Mr. Prabhu thanked the board for allowing him the chance to speak.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ratliff reported on Dr. Adolph Brown's visit with Megan Shanley, Middle School Construction, Grant Award Letter, Student Learning and Performance, and School Growth Presentations.

Middle School Construction

Dr. Ratliff shared an updated picture of the middle school construction with the board.

Federal Grant Award

Dr. Ratliff said we recently received a federal grant award of \$76,429.00, which will go towards a bilingual social worker for Anson Middle School and Peachland-Polkton Elementary School and AIG services for Anson Middle School.

School Growth Presentations

Ms. Becky Flake, Ms. Carri Decker, and Dr. Heather Gerald shared their school growth presentations for Lilesville Elementary School, Anson Early College High School and Wadesboro Primary School.

Consent Items

The board approved the following consent agenda items (Personnel Report, State Teacher Supplement and Board Policy Updates listed below) on a motion by Lisa Davis, seconded by Frank Liles. The motion carried.

- 1310-4002 Parental Involvement
- 2302 Remote Participation in Board Meetings
- 3225/4312/7320 Technology Responsible Use
- 3227/7322 Web Page Development
- 3410 Testing and Assessment Program
- 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability
- 3460 Graduation Requirements
- 4320 Tobacco Products-Students
- 4329/7311 Bullying and Harassing Behavior Prohibited
- 4334/5035/7345 Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)
- 5022 Registered Sex Offenders
- 5026/7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products
- 5150 Reporting to External Agencies
- 6120 Student Health Services

- 6140 Student Wellness
- 8305 Federal Grant Administration
- 9125 Participation by Minority Businesses
- 3620 Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations
- 4040/7310 Staff-Student Relations
- 4120 Domicile or Residence Requirements
- 6200 Goals of School Nutrition
- 6430 Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials & Supplies
- 6450 Purchase of Services
- 7130 Licensure
- 7650 Employee Travel and Other Expense Reimbursement
- 9110 Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers At Risk

Adjournment

Lisa Davis moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Frank Liles seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

Dr. George Truman, Chairman

Dr. Brian Ratliff, Secretary