

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 30, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Anson County Schools' Administrative Conference Room/Board Room
Virtual Go To Meeting

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, Monday, March 30, 2020. All members were present via Virtual Go To Meeting. Dr. Bobbie Little joined at 4:52 p.m. Other in attendance were Michael Freeman (Superintendent), Howard McLean (Associate Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent) Holly Berry (Finance Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk), Mike Napier (Administrator: Maintenance), and Pete Swails (Administrator: Technology).

I. Call to Order

Dr. George Truman opened the meeting at 4:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Invocation

Marilynn Bennett 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 George Truman 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 Truman 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 his attention. He 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

Lisa Davis made a motion to approve the amended agenda (Mike Turner requested to pull a.03 Distribution Request Form to New Business). Marilyn Bennett seconded the agenda it was unanimously adopted by the Board. Motion carried.

V. Approve Minutes

(Regular Meeting 02/24/20)

A motion was made by Carol Gibson to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2020. The motion was seconded by Frank Liles and approved by the board. Motion carried.

I. Public Comment

This was no one present to speak during public comment.

II. 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.

Dr. Truman asked if there had been any updates from the Masonboro Group. Mr. Freeman explained that Mr. West would be making contact with the board on an update soon and said Mr. West felt the search was going well.

Superintendent's Report

Todd Berg, Tarik Hameed and Mike Calisto from Morris-Berg shared a presentation update on the New Anson Middle School Project. After the presentation, board members requested a breakdown of cost savings options to share with the commissioners when a meeting is scheduled. Morris-Berg/Edifice stated they will update the presentation for Mr. Freeman to send out. Mr. Freeman said he will get hard copies mailed to all board members of what was presented at the meeting.

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

Current Projects Update:

- WES Media Center should be complete soon.
- Shelton ballfield cleanup is nearing completion.
- Maintenance has been upgrading potholes, parking lot areas, etc. at several schools.
- Maintenance/Custodial Staff are replacing things like lightbulbs and ballasts while students are not in school.
- School spirit paintings are being done at the high school.
- In responding to community needs, there have been approximately 4500 meals served including breakfast and lunch. Today, there were 1280 meals served and we are seeing an increase in the number served. We will continue to serve meals as long as there is a supply of food and as long as it is safe for our staff.

Instructional Programs:

- Mass delivery of instructional materials were done during week one and online materials have been provided since then.
- Packets have been made available for pick up at the board of education office for pre-k students/families to get registered. Parents can pick up the packet that is located outside the office in a bin. Packets can also be downloaded and printed from our website.
- We continue to review policy and directives from the Governor and we will continue to get learning materials to students.

III. Consent Items

Upon a motion by Lisa Davis seconded by Bobbie Little, the following consent items were approved by the board: Personnel Report, Budget Amendments, 2019 General Records Retention Schedule, 2019-2020 Summer Program Planning, Training Credit Form, School Calendar Revision and Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent. Motion carried.

IV. **New Business**

Distribution Request Form

Upon a motion by Frank Liles, seconded by Lisa Davis, the board approved the Distribution Request Form as presented.

Calendar Items

Mr. Freeman mentioned having the board meetings earlier in the day while we are doing virtual meetings and he will vet those times with everyone. Mr. Freeman also mentioned the April 7 budget meeting will be rescheduled to a later date in April.

V. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:01 p.m. by Mike Turner, seconded by Gay Lookabill and approved by the board. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Dr. George Truman, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Freeman, Secretary