

**Minutes**  
**Anson County Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Anson County Schools' Administrative Conference Room/Board Room**  
**Virtual Go To Meeting**

The Anson County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, June 25, 2020. Members present via Virtual Go To Meeting were Marilyn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Frank Liles, Bobbie Little and George Truman. Board members present were Carol Gibson, Gay Lookabill, Beulah Pratt and Mike Turner. Others in attendance were Howard McLean (Superintendent), Marty Godwin (Assistant Superintendent), Holly Berry (Finance Officer), Mike Flake (Board Attorney), Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk) and Pete Swails (Administrator: Technology).

**Call to Order**

Dr. George Truman opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

George Truman gave the Invocation.

**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.

**Adopt Agenda**

Frank Liles made a motion to approve the agenda. Gay Lookabill seconded the agenda it was unanimously adopted by the Board. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes**

**(Special Meeting 05/28/20)**

A motion was made by Gay Lookabill to approve the special meeting minutes of May 28, 2020. The motion was seconded by Lisa Davis and approved by the board. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

This was no one present to speak during public comment.

**Chair's Report**

Public Engagement: There was no public engagement information shared due to COVID-19.

Dr. Truman asked if Mr. McLean had any communication with Mr. Monroe about the status of the middle school. Mr. McLean said he had an unofficial meeting with Mr. Monroe a couple of weeks ago and he will cover that in private session.

Dr. Truman asked if there have been any updates from the state about guidance for re-opening of schools pertaining to sanitation. Mr. McLean said each department has been involved in webinars to help guide us on re-opening of schools.

Dr. Truman asked if board members could meet at 10:00 a.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. for the July 27 meeting. Mr. Turner said he thinks it will be fine but he may have appointments. Mr. Turner said he will check and let Dr. Truman know.

Dr. Truman asked if start dates are in compliance with the state's expectations. Mr. McLean said we are back on traditional calendar and are in line with the state's expectations.

Dr. Truman asked for an update on school construction dollars from the state. Mr. McLean said the last update he received was that we are in line for getting 6.5 million and that is down from 11 million that we were looking at last year. Mr. McLean said he will check and follow-up to confirm those figures. Mr. Turner asked if 6.5 million is confirmed. Mr. McLean said he has a memo that states 6.5 million. Ms. Lookabill said we need to be calling our senators.

Ms. Bennett asked how the \$400,000 budget cut from the county will impact the district. She asked if there would be cuts to the supplements teachers receive. Mr. McLean said he would update the board after meeting with Mrs. Berry so they can determine the exact impact on the district. Mrs. Davis said she understands the money comes to us and we allocate the money; she said they (the county) do not allocate the money. Mr. McLean said that is why he needs to meet with Mrs. Berry so he has the complete history of the obligation and controls of that money.

Ms. Gibson asked if the supplement changed from last year. Mr. McLean asked Ms. Berry to respond. Ms. Berry stated it has not changed except for the gross due to allocations.

Dr. Truman asked members to call senators regarding the construction money so that we can move forward.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. McLean gave a report on Budget, Human Resources, Current Job Postings, Child Nutrition Services, Instructional Programs and Athletics (Return to Athletics/NCHSAA Guidelines).

Personnel Report: Mrs. Lookabill asked if the word "subject" can be added on the personnel report for individuals. Mr. Godwin said they don't do that because the subject and grade may change. Ms. Lookabill said it says subject/grade. Mr. Godwin said he could change that on the report.

Dr. Truman said we need to make sure we articulate information and protocols to parents regarding return to school. Mr. McLean said he totally agrees and the plan is to do a parent survey to get their feedback. He said there are several more stages to go through with the plan before schools open.

Ms. Bennett asked if we are making changes in the schools already. Mr. McLean said there are weekly meetings with staff regarding guidance from the NC Department of Public Instruction that help us prepare and stay in line with what the current orders are now. Mr. McLean said he meets with each department weekly to go over anticipated plans.

NCHSAA Return to Athletics/NCHSAA Guidelines: Mr. McLean explained the guidelines from NCHSAA. Mr. Stinson also shared detailed information on the guidelines.

Mr. Turner said if they don't lift restrictions, it looks like there won't be fall sports.

Mr. Stinson said there are a lot of question marks and they will stay in compliance.

Ms. Lookabill asked if we anticipate a regular football schedule. Mr. Stinson said it is a regular schedule right now.

### **Consent Items**

Upon a motion by Mike Turner seconded by Lisa Davis, the following consent items were approved by the board: Personnel Report, Interim Budget Resolution, Budget Amendments, Lease Agreements (Anson County Schools and Union County Community Action) and Return to Athletics. Motion carried.

Ms. Lookabill said she likes having the principals at the board meeting and she thanked them for attending. Dr. Truman also thanked the principals for their participation.

### **Closed Session**

A motion was made by Frank Liles to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Bennett and approved by the board. Motion carried.

There was no action taken.

### **Reconvene Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 12:18 p.m. upon a motion by Gay Lookabill, seconded by Carol Gibson and approved by the board. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 12:19 pm. by Lisa Davis, seconded by Gay Lookabill and approved by the board. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

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Dr. George Truman, Chairperson

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Mr. Howard McLean, Secretary