

Minutes
Anson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2020, 4:00 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, November 23, 2020. Members present via Virtual Go To Meeting were Marilynn Bennett, Lisa Davis, Bobbie Little, Frank Liles and George Truman. Board members present in-person 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), Anne Hyatt (Board Clerk), Mike Flake (Board Attorney) and Pete Swails (Administrator: Technology). Leadership Team Members were also present.

Call to Order

Dr. George Truman opened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Mike Turner 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

Gay Lookabill asked for Budget Amendments to be moved to New Business for discussion. A motion to approve the agenda with the amendment was made by Frank Liles, seconded by Carol Gibson and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes
(Regular Meeting 10/26/20)

Mr. Liles stated his name should be listed as virtual and not in-person. A motion was made by Mike Turner to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 26, 2020 with the amendment. The motion was seconded by Lisa Davis and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Mike Turner to go into closed session at 4:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Lisa Davis and approved by the board. Motion carried.

There was no action taken.

Reconvene Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 5:27 p.m. upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Gay Lookabill and approved by the board. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no one to speak during public comment.

Chair's Report

Public Engagement:

Mike Turner shared about the CTE program being one of the top programs in the state. Mr. McLean said he will forward the video to board members. Gay Lookabill said the high school has done well with sharing information on viewing home athletic games for fans that can't attend due to restrictions. Dr. Truman asked for the information to be put on our website and social media about viewing the home athletic events. Mr. Turner acknowledged the Bright Ideas Grant Winners. Mr. McLean said he will be sure they get recognized once he receives official notice. Dr. Truman advised for a letter to be sent on behalf of the board to the recipients and he said he will work with Mr. McLean on that letter. There were no other public engagement opportunities mentioned by board members.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McLean gave a report on Budget, Human Resources, Current Job Postings and Instructional/Operational Programs.

Mr. McLean stated Plan B is working well and we will continue until we go a different direction. Gay Lookabill said she liked how some schools shared the positives and negatives in bulleted information when giving updates to the board.

Questions & Answers from the Board:

Mr. Turner asked if there would be a basketball season. He asked what must change to allow those seasons to happen. Mr. McLean said getting numbers down will give us more options throughout the district and the state.

Ms. Gibson asked why meals can't be delivered. Mr. McLean said because we are using buses to pick up students and we can't use buses to deliver meals as well. He said they will need to make decisions on curbside because numbers are down. Gay Lookabill asked if activity buses could be used for meal delivery. Mr. McLean said not to his knowledge but he will check. Ms. Davis asked if we could use CARES Act money to pay for double trips for yellow buses to deliver meals. Mr. McLean stated he would check.

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Mike Turner, seconded by Frank Liles, the following consent items were approved by the board: Personnel Report, Actively Learn Partnership Quote 2020-2021 and the current policy updates listed below:

- 1300 Governing Principle – Parental Involvement
- 1310/4002 Parental Involvement
- 1500 Governing Principle – Safe, Orderly and Inviting Environment
- 1510/4200/7270 School Safety
- 1600 Governing Principle – Professional Development
- 1700 Governing Principle – Removal of Barriers
- 1710/4020/7230 – Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited by Federal Law
- 1725/4035/7236 – Title IX Sexual Harassment – Prohibited Conduct and Reporting Process
- 1726/4036/7237 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process
- 1740/4010 Student and Parent Grievance Procedure
- 1742/5060 Responding to Complaints
- 1750/7220 Grievance Procedure for Employees
- 1760/7280 Prohibition Against Retaliation
- 2120 Code of Ethics for School Board Members
- 2121 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 2500 Hearings Before the Board
- 3000 Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program
- 3102 Online Instruction
- 3300 School Calendar and Time for Learning
- 3410 Testing and Assessment Program
- 3460 Graduation Requirements
- 3620 Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations
- 4001 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 4023 Education for Pregnant and Parenting Students
- 4040/7310 Staff-Student Relations
- 4202/5029/7272 Service Animals in Schools
- 4328 Gang-Related Activity
- 4333 Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats and Clear Threats to Safety
- 4335 Criminal Behavior
- 4345 Student Discipline Records
- 4353 Long-Term Suspension, 365-Day Suspension, Expulsion
- 4400 Attendance
- 4600 Student Fees
- 5020 Visitors to Schools
- 5030 Community Use of Facilities
- 5070/7350 Public Records – Retention, Release and Disposition
- 6305 Safety and Student Transportation Services
- 7130 Licensure
- 7232 Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace
- 7335 Employee Use of Social Media
- 7503 Teleworking
- 7510 Leave
- 7820 Personnel Files
- 8510 School Finance Officer

New Business

Upon a motion by Carol Gibson, seconded by Mike Turner, the board approved the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Dr. Truman thanked the entire Anson County Schools' staff for the hard work they are putting in each day. He explained the board is very appreciative and proud of the work that has been done by all.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:52 p.m. by Mike Turner, seconded by Carol Gibson and approved by the board. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Dr. George Truman, Chairperson

Mr. Howard McLean, Secretary