

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for a joint meeting with the Anson County Board of Education on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center.

Commissioners present: Anna Baucom, Chair
Ross Streater, Vice Chair
Bobby Sikes
Vancine Sturdivant
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Rita James, Data Processing
Tiffany Randall, Finance Officer

Others: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to Order, welcoming those present.

After a delicious meal prepared by Family & Consumer Science Students, the following points were utilized by Superintendent Michael Freeman as he shared information and updates associated with progress in the Anson County Schools.

Superintendent Freeman stated that the evening was intended to Showcase ACS Student Accomplishments

- Meal - Family & Consumer Science Students
 - Planning
 - Menu Development
 - Food Preparation
 - Presentation of Meal
 - Clean up following meal
- Decorations - ACS Students
- Grounds Beatification - AHS Agriculture Students
- ACS Slide Show - AHS Digital Media Students
- Displays of Curriculum based work - ACS Students (all eleven schools)
- Greeters - ACS Students (all four high schools)

Prerequisites of Progress

1. Community Understanding

- a. Telling our story ...

- i. Have you heard? What did you hear? What was your reaction?
- 2. Community Trust**
 - a. Currently establishing ...
 - i. Thank you for the tremendous contributions you provide through your interactions with community impacting community trust.
- 3. Community Permission**
 - a. Restructuring Schools ...
 - i. Occurs daily which requires stakeholders to embrace change in order for our schools to develop our students by preparing them to compete globally.
- 4. Community Support**
 - a. Schools cannot do it alone...
 - i. Developing post-industrial basics in every child - literacy, numeracy, thinking and teamwork skills, self-discipline, knowledge of the world, knowledge of self, and the capacity for lifelong learning - the community must be our partners. The community must demonstrate patience, respect, appreciation, generosity, and eventually, active participation in the creating of a vibrant learning environment throughout our entire community.

A portion of our story for 2013-2014 so far....

- North Carolina Public Schools are 175 years strong
- We've had our valley's and peaks - perseverance continues
- Common Core Curriculum (Stand Course of Study) implemented
- Highly Qualified Teachers with advanced degrees who are also have National Board Certification
- School Counselors selected to participate in distinguished counseling events at the state level
- Staff have served as state level presenters
- Mrs. Patricia Cole, MES teacher selected as the Carolina Panthers Teacher of the Year for North and South Carolina
- Schools earning impressive academic growth by meeting growth or exceeding growth
- Professional Growth Emphasis (examples of a few from this year)
 - Reading Foundations
 - Discovery Education Techbook
 - Reading 3D
 - Reading Wonders
 - Progress Monitoring
 - Co-teaching
 - Differentiated Instruction
 - Unit Planning
 - Benchmarks
 - Response to Instruction

- Math I, II, III
- Middle Grades Math
- Student Citizenship (MYD)
- Power School Program
- Educator Evaluation
- Reading Mastery
- Smart Board Training
- Data Literacy
- Principals' Leadership Cohort
- Distinguished Leaders
- ACT
- CFNC
- EC Conference
- AIG State Training
- Mathematical Practices
- Unit Planning
- Pacing Calendars
- ACS Literacy Plan
- Home Base Training
- Data Collection and Analysis
- School Safety Initiatives
 - On site law enforcement training
 - Active shooter drill
 - Weather issues drills
 - Presenters at state level trainings
- Parent Portal
 - Launched PowerSchool Parent Portal - gives parents web-based access to real-time information including attendance, grades, and detailed assignment information
- Award winning Army JROTC Program
- Board of Education - Master Board Training Level I completed and participating in Level II
- Established Anson Academy High School based at Lockhart Taylor Center with SPCC - smooth transition, foundation being formed for future collaborations
- ACECHS recognized by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as one of the top 5 early colleges in North Carolina
- ANTHS noted in Education Week as a high school worth visiting
- ANTHS is a National Demonstration Site
- Productions at the Ansonia Theatre and in local schools
- Scholarship Awards – 2013 totally beyond \$640,000.00
- Athletic Accomplishments - refer to sheets

Thanks so much for your support! When County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education collaborate students enrolled in the Public Schools of Anson County will be provided the opportunity for a great future.

Chairman Baucom thanked Superintendent Freeman and school board members for the delicious meal and the informative meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 1 hr. 30 min.