

**Anderson County Board of Education  
Budget Committee  
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621  
May 18, 2017**

**Call to Order**

Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Chair of the Anderson County Board of Education Budget Committee, called the Budget Workshop meeting to order at 4:04 pm. Board members in attendance were Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Chair, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. David Draisen and Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

**Consideration of County Board Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018:**

Ms. Brenda Bradberry reported on the budget proposed for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. With minimal change from the 2016-2017 school budget, the committee made a motion to consider the 2017-2018 budget for the upcoming school year and it was unanimously approved.

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Called Meeting  
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May 23, 2017**

**Board Members Present:**

The following board members were present for the called budget meeting on May 23, 2017: Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio. Mr. Mike Upton joined by telephone.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Dr. Gary Burgess and Ms. Dana Grant were not able to attend.

After the pledge of allegiance, the meeting was called to order.

**Consideration of County Board Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018:**

In the absence of Ms. Bradberry, Chair of the Budget Committee, Mr. Draisen stepped in and told the members the Budget Committee met for a workshop on May 18<sup>th</sup> and approved the proposed budget for the County Board's fiscal year 2017-2018, therefore, the only requirement tonight is to second the motion. Before that, Mr. Nimmer gave a brief summary of the proposed budget to the board members that did not attend the workshop. He said basically what we did this year is standard procedure. We budgeted revenues for next year to the current year's receipts to date and what we anticipate those to be for the year. If we know of state allocations, we put them in the budget and they are confirmed. These are the current senate budget numbers that the conference committee is working on right now, and so far there is no indication that the education numbers will change. Mr. Nimmer is confident that the revenue is appropriately budgeted. We have seen some growth in our ad valorem taxes and good growth in the fee and lieu area because we have seen some fees come on in the current year and there are additional fees to come on the coming year. That is a pretty significant increase in terms of a percentage, but only a \$6,500 total increase.

On the expenditure side, Mr. Nimmer looked at the Board's expenses over the past three years after moving to this building. There were a couple of line items that were impacted by the move that we no longer have. One was a significant decrease in expenditures related to data processing. We retired a lease in 2016-2017 and we now own those computers so there will be no more lease expense. We continue to have a lease on some laptops that we use in our mental health program.

Other than that, the only significant changes to the budget for the 2017-18 year is we have allocated a 2% increase for all our employees to help handle the increase in the employee contribution to the retirement system and the health insurance. This is pretty standard across the districts and the state has actually helped allocate some funds to allow that to happen. In addition, the employer portion of the retirement and health contributions will grow as well and that is why you will see the various fringe benefit lines increase between 6 and 8 percent. It is the continuing cost of providing those benefits.

The 2017-18 annual budget is a balanced budget and we will not have to use any of the fund balance based on where we are currently. It does include all positions in our mental health program including the one added last year. Mr. Nimmer doesn't think we will have to use any of the fund balance to finish out this year.

With no further discussion, the County Board members passed the 2017-18 annual budget unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Draisen.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary Burgess, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education  
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.