

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**August 21, 2017**

**Call to Order**

Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

**Board Members Present:**

The following board members were present for the August, 2017 meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Ms. Dana Grant, Rev. Rufus Mitchell, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Mr. Dale Martin and Mr. Mike Upton were unable to attend.

**Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2017 Board Meeting**

Ms. Dana Grant made a motion to approve the minutes and Rev. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. After a discussion, the July minutes were approved unanimously providing the said changes are made showing the school district budgets passed unanimously.

**Consideration of District Five Bond Refunding**

Mr. Nimmer referenced the analysis that was mailed out earlier showing the anticipated savings to District Five by refunding the 2010 series of bonds. Here to answer any questions you may have are Mr. Tom Wilson, Superintendent, Ms. Amy Heard, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Wes Grant, Chief Operational Officer. Ms. Bradberry asked about the potential savings and Ms. Heard said they anticipate an overall savings of 5 million dollars. The sale on Thursday has a projected rate of 3.22 percent. Ms. Heard added they have been very fortunate with the past bond sales and advance refunding of 2008 funds which have done better than projected. She will let the board know if that is the case with the 2010 series of bonds.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the bond refunding. Mr. Mike Brock seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**Consideration of District Five Request to Liquidate Assets**

Mr. Nimmer said that also included in the packet previously mailed was a copy of an email with an attachment identifying items that District Five would like to liquidate which are currently housed at the career campus. Mr. Wes Grant is here to address that. Ms. Bradberry asked if this sale would bring in more money than the last one. Mr. Grant answered that this one will probably bring in less than the first one did because these items are primarily used for recycling purposes as the technology is no longer functioning or supported. For the items not sold for recycling, the district will be required to pay for their disposal.

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the liquidation request. Rev. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Nimmer reminded the board that the South Carolina School Board's Association will be holding an advocacy meeting on Wednesday, September 13th. They are holding these meetings across the state and Belton-Honea Path High School will host Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens County schools. They will begin with registration and a meal at 5:15 pm and the program will run from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. This will help the School Board develop their legislative agenda for the coming year. It is called "Stand Up For Schools" and deals with legislative issues and concerns affecting public education. I will be attending along with our Chairman. Please let me know if you would like to as soon as possible so I can take care of your registration.

### **Financial**

Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer reported that, with this being the first month of collections for the new fiscal year, there isn't too much to report. We will continue to book delinquent taxes until the end of August that will then be booked back to the prior fiscal year. The adjustments for any delinquent taxes received will be made during the audit process.

Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer mentioned again that this is a reassessment year so these figures will change once the assessments are completed in early October. Then the tax notices will be mailed out with the new totals in mid-October. It will take a couple months to see where we land after this process is complete. We have maintained values without any decline which is a good sign the economy is in an approved state.

### **Old Business**

The report on the Sales and Use Tax for Education, which will be part of the financial report going forward, shows we have collected close to 50 million county-wide. Every district has a list of the funded projects from this sales tax on their websites.

### **New Business**

Ms. Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gary Burgess and was followed by a unanimous vote.

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.