

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
September 18, 2017

Call to Order

Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Mr. Mike Upton 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 September, 2017 meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry and Mr. Nakia Davis were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2017 Board Meeting

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell. With a unanimous vote, the August minutes were approved.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

Mr. Nimmer told the board members that he did not receive a report from the Alternative School for the past month. After many years of dedicated service, Wanda Collins, their school counselor has retired. Mr. Dillingham has now hired a new counsellor to take her place and we will have a report for next month.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer reported that the South Carolina School Board's Association had to postpone their advocacy meeting scheduled for September 13th due to the hurricane. It has been rescheduled for October 11th. If you would like to attend, please let me know. The three of us that did register previously, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Draisen and myself, can keep that registration.

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.

Mr. Nimmer passed information showing the projected savings to Anderson County School District Five after the board approved the refunding of the 2010 Series Bonds last month. The gross savings and the net present value savings. They actually surpassed that. The second page will show you what the actual issue recognized which is about one and a half million more than projected over the life of the loan. It did turn out to be a good move.

Financial

Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer referred to the report in the packets stating it is very early in the fiscal year and everyone is about where they should be with the range between 2.9 to 3.94 right now. You will see that District Three is a little ahead of the other districts since they collect funds from Santee Cooper early in the year that is booked under Fee in Lieu of taxes. Most other Fee in Lieu funds come in during the first quarter of the calendar year.

Assessment totals: The assessment totals as of August 31, 2017 are virtually unchanged from last month. Mr. Nimmer reminded everyone that these numbers will be changing as a result of the reassessment. It will take a while for things to settle after the new assessed values are generated, provided to the tax payers, and then any appeals handled. This may go on for three or four months. The reassessment is slated to be completed no later than the second week in October. When we met with the finance people a couple of weeks ago including the assessor, auditor, and treasurer, Mike Freeman said they were a little ahead of schedule and hopes that will continue. A lot has changed in terms of the economy since the last reassessment, so you will probably see some increase in the numbers and there will be a rollback millage to offset that. We should be balanced moving forward based on that. The growth in assessment value due to reassessment will be reflected in the October report.

Education Sales & Use Tax Report: The cumulative sales tax collection is \$51,398,469.10. This was received at the end of August which represents the amount collected in June. There will be a check coming in the next few days for the collection during the month of July. This continues to move ahead of anticipated rates of return.

New Business

ADM Accounts Payable SFS Accounts Payable

Mr. Mike Brock made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell 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.