

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
November 19, 2012

Call to Order: Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order and also presented the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Steve Garrison, Mrs. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Craig Drennon and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Ms. Dana Grant, Dr. Gary Burgess, and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Brenda Bradberry made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Steve Garrison seconded the motion and the Board members agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Drennon made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board approved the minutes unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/Public Comment Period: No one from the media or public was present for public comment.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock provided a copy of the report from the Alternative School to each Board member present. According to the report, enrollment is currently at 68 students. The members of the board discussed the dynamics of the student body population.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Nimmer gave a report of his attendance at the South Carolina Association of School Business Officials Fall Conference held in Myrtle Beach, November 7-9, 2012. Mr. Nimmer stated at the session he found out the budget projections for the coming year are fairly flat, with not much of an increase in revenue. They are currently talking about a base student cost to remain around the 2012 figure. This figure is about \$900 to \$950 below what it should be based upon the statutory limits and growth that were put in place when the EFA was passed.

Mr. Nimmer commented on proposed legislation that he had mentioned to the board last spring; the statewide operating millage. He stated that with the program there would be a flat amount of millage that would be billed uniformly across the state and the money would be allocated similar to the EFA. He stated multiple groups such as the SC School Administrators Association, the SC School Board Association and the SC School Business Officers Association have put a lot of thought and preparation into this program. He stated a bill was introduced late in the session last year with several co-sponsors, but there was not a lot of political support. He continued his explanation to state the program takes the EFA and apply the local portion and makes it more consistent across the state.

During this time, Mr. Nimmer welcomed the newly elected board member, Mr. Mike Upton, who will be serving in the seat vacated by Mr. Steve Garrison. He stated that Mr. Upton will be officially joining the board in January.

Mr. Nimmer gave an update on Board Member Reverend Mitchell and his progress of recovery. He said that Reverend Mitchell is at home and doing much better and continuing to recover. Reverend Mitchell wanted everyone to know how much he appreciated their thought and prayers.

Mr. Nimmer gave an update on the school visitation schedule. He stated he hoped to conclude the visits for Districts 3 and 5 by the end of this year and cover the other districts after returning from the holidays. Mr. Nimmer stated that the schools had been very receptive and welcoming.

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board of the 2013 South Carolina School Board Association Annual Convention will be held February 21-24, 2013. He stated that reservations have been made at the Hilton that is at the Kingston Plantation and that they will shuttle to the meeting but rooms were not available at the Myrtle Beach Embassy Suites. Mr. Nimmer asked the Board Members to please let him know as soon as possible if they will be attending. He mentioned to newly elected board member Mr. Upton that he would need to attend conference session for newly elected officials held on February 21st, and the regular annual meeting would be February 22nd through the 24th.

Financial:

A: Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer stated that budgeted collections are very stable and consistent with the time of year, but will see a large influx of taxes beginning in December and January and the numbers will look dramatically different during the next two meetings.

B: Assessment Totals: This report reflects the growth that was added during 2012. The amount was positive as opposed to past couple of years in which the growth was negative. The value of a mil county wide grew a little over \$11,000 which is a good sign moving forward.

Old Business: Board Member Steve Garrison asked the Board to encourage the Districts to continue to work together with the Education Improvement Committee. Mr. Nimmer stated that the waste management contracts have been let and information was distributed several meetings prior. He stated the cumulative savings across the county was about \$100,000. He stated that this has started the ball rolling forward on working together. Mr. Garrison also mentioned continuing to pursue a facility for continuing education. Mr. Nimmer stated that there have been conversations with political figures and everybody has been open to discussion so far. Chairman Draisen asked Mr. Garrison to think about a replacement for his contribution and participation on the committee.

New Business:

A: ADM Accounts Payable:

B: SFS Accounts Payable:

Mrs. Bradberry made a motion to pay both bills, seconded by Mr. Brock. Mrs. Bradberry asked about the payment to the 10th Circuit Solicitor's Office. Mr. Nimmer stated that the board sponsors participation in a calendar contest for drug awareness. The Board unanimously approved.

Executive Session: A motion to move into executive session was made by Mrs. Bradberry seconded by Mr. Martin. Following a unanimous vote, the board moved into executive session. Mrs. Bradberry motioned to exit the Executive Session. Mr. Brock seconded. At the conclusion of the session, Mr. Draisen stated that no votes were made nor any action taken during the Executive Session. Following the Executive Session, it was decided that the County Board's Executive Committee would be used in further discussions with City Officials.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Brenda Bradberry, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.