

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
December 17, 2012

Board Members Present:

Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Steve Garrison, Mrs. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Mike Brock, Ms. Dana Grant, Dr. Gary Burgess, Dr. Craig Drennon and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent:

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell was not present.

Call to Order:

Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order. Mr. Steve Garrison gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Steve Garrison made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion and the Board members approved the agenda unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Garrison made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting. Mr. Martin 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.

Consideration of Request from City of Anderson:

Mr. Nimmer referred the board members to the document included in their packets from the City of Anderson requesting the Board to grant an easement for a storm water update that is being done on the property behind the Board Office. Mr. Nimmer stated the city is requesting a 25 foot easement just for maintenance. He informed the Board that we will maintain ownership of the property but the easement will allow them access to maintain the pipe that is being located underground. Mr. Nimmer stated the document had been reviewed by the Board's attorney with only a few minor changes made by our attorney and the City. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to grant the easement. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. After Mr. Nimmer provided the Board with a brief explanation of the layout of the property and the maintenance that would take place, the Board voted unanimously to grant the easement.

Anderson County Alternative School Report:

Mr. Brock provided a copy of the report from the Alternative School to each Board member present. Ms. Bradberry questioned the current enrollment listed on the report. Mr. Nimmer stated that last month's report indicated there was an enrollment of 76 and the enrollment at this time last year was 86.

Dr. Burgess asked if the special education students were resource and not considered self-contained classes. Mr. Nimmer stated there were no self-contained students. He stated to be eligible for enrollment at the Alternative School, the student must physically be able to perform the physical requirements of enrollment with little resource help.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board of the 2013 South Carolina School Board Association Annual Convention being held February 21-24, 2013, in Myrtle Beach. He stated that convention was again being held at the Kingston Plantation at the Embassy Suites, but hotel reservations have been made at the Hilton. He requested that the board members inform him of their intent to attend by January 7, 2013. Mr. Draisen asked if the board was on the waiting list for reservations at the Embassy Suites and Mr. Nimmer stated yes.

Mr. Nimmer asked if anyone would be able to attend the District V Board Meeting. Mr. Draisen stated that he would be attending the meeting and had confirmed with District V of his attendance.

Mr. Nimmer updated the Board on the Board of Economic Advisors Revenue Report. The latest report that has been released is reported through the end of October 2012. When compared to last year, we are already 8.3% ahead of where we were. Things are continuing to look good. July through October 2012 we are 7.6% ahead of last year. The forecasts that were delivered to us in Myrtle Beach regarding the fairly flat budget may be amended after the first of the year now because revenue is significantly ahead of what it was last year.

Financial:

A: Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:

Mr. Nimmer stated that the districts were fairly consistent and asked the Board to note that District 3 is ahead of everyone at this point but that is due primarily to the fact that they have already received some of their fee in lieu money where some of the other districts have not and that is based on the date of the fee and the renewal date every year. But everyone else is remarkably consistent and we should see a fairly significant income during the month of December and the first half of January until the first penalty date which is January 16th.

Mr. Garrison questioned why one of the districts was so out of sync with their budget with delinquent taxes they have received \$ 458,000 more than they budgeted and we are not even half way through the year. Mr. Nimmer stated delinquent tax collection rates vary widely, heavily influenced by primarily commercial properties. Mr. Nimmer stated that he does not know the details of why they would be so far ahead, but he will find out.

Ms. Bradberry asked why District One was lower than the others. Mr. Nimmer stated they are still working on that as it was the case last month and the month before. District One has properties that have been reclassified and were in the process of being reclassified last year. The tax collection rate will be either 6.5 % or 10.5 percent as result of the new classification.

B: Assessment Totals:

Mr. Nimmer stated that the growth has been added and the value of a mill countywide is now almost \$645,000. He added that it is subject to appeal and the appeals are in process right now. He also stated that the last number was \$632,000, with approximately 12 million dollars-worth of growth across the county during the course of 2012. He stated although that was not a lot, it does show positive growth, but that number is subject to change once the appeals process works itself out.

Old Business:

Ms. Bradberry asked about the notification she had received from the ethics commission. She asked if she had to file anything else and Mr. Nimmer said she had to file a final report saying she didn't spend anything. Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board that they must file their economic interest before April 15, 2014.

New Business:

A: ADM Accounts Payable:

B: SFS Accounts Payable:

Ms. Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Dana Grant. All board members voted unanimously to pay the bills.

C: Meeting Date for January 2013

The Board discussed an alternate date for the January Board meeting as the meeting falls on a school holiday. Ms. Bradberry made a motion the board meet on January 22, 2013, Mr. Brock seconded the motion with a unanimous vote from the Board.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Bradberry made a motion that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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