

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
June 20, 2011

Board Members Present: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Steve Garrison, Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Craig Drennon, Ms. Dana Grant, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: All board members were present.

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

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes—May 16, 2011 Board Meeting: Dr. Burgess made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting and Dr. Drennon seconded the motion. The motion passed with an eight member vote to approve. Mr. Draisen abstained from voting due to his absence at the May 16, 2011 Board meeting.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed visitors Dr. Lee D'Andrea, Mr. Larry Young, Mr. David Brooks, and Ms. Liz Carey.

School District Four Bond Issue: Dr. D'Andrea stated District Four is not able to increase their operational budget at the rate buildings need to be maintained. She presented components of building maintenance which need to be addressed including roof, electrical, environmental, mechanical, painting, floors, and grounds. Pendleton High School's older section of the roof is a pressing concern. Last year District Four asked for \$647,619 to maintain debt service millage at 40 mills even though needs could require more. Dr. D'Andrea asked for a general obligation bond of \$390,000 this year keeping debt service millage at 40 mills. Mr. Young explained their debt history of a span of 38 mills to 42 mills, but assured everyone District Four wanted to keep the millage below or at 40 mills. This is about 50% of the 8% money with \$7.8million capacity. Dr. D'Andrea also requested approval of a \$3million Qualified Zone Academy Bond previously known as Build America Bonds. This bond requires government approval, local board approval and finally, County Board of Education approval. The state pays the interest on this bond; therefore District Four will be required to pay back the remaining \$2.7million. The limit for repayment on a QZAB bond is five years and repayment will not start until the year 2013. Part of this money would be spent immediately for requested security cameras at Pendleton High School. It is specified this money may not be spent on construction but for classroom instructional supplies such as computers and laptops. The money has to be spent within five years.

Dr. Burgess stated he was not comfortable voting on the QZAB bond issue without more information.

Dr. Drennon said these were competitive funds available for the asking.

Mr. Garrison asked where the money would come from if the Board did not approve the bond. Dr. D'Andrea replied it would have to be taken out of fund balance. Mr. Garrison noted District Four has a substantial fund balance.

Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the \$390,000 general obligation bond series 2011 for Anderson School District Four. Dr. Burgess seconded the motion. The Board agreed unanimously.

Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the Qualified Zone Academy Bond not to exceed \$3million. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed with seven members of the Board voting to approve. Dr. Burgess abstained.

School District Five TAN: Mr. Brooks reported District Five has made strides in increasing their fund balance for which he is very proud. He said the District Five Board has a policy to maintain one to two months operating expense in fund balance in the amount of around \$6.5million. Last year \$4million had to be withdrawn. He expressed the fall will be the lean time and District Five will need the Tax Anticipation Notice to fill the gap.

Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the TAN for District Five not to exceed \$5million. Dr. Burgess seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported the school is closed for the summer. Mr. Nimmer attended graduation and the awards ceremony. There was one graduate from the Alternative School this year. Mr. Nimmer told how impressed he was with the student receiving the Director's Award. The student credited the Alternative School for saving his life.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- A. The Delegation meeting will be held Friday, June 24, 2011 at 3p.m. The County Board and Alternative School budgets will be voted on at this meeting.
- B. The audit results for the County Board will be presented by Ken Martin at the July, 2011 meeting.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer reported tax collections are right in line and money is at or over 100%. Assessment totals are slightly higher for the fourth month in succession due to automobile sales.

Old Business: No old business at this time.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable:

B. SFS Accounts Payable: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay both accounts payable and school food service accounts payable. Mr. Brock seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education

This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.