

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
August 6, 2012

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Ms. Dana Grant, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Mike Brock and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Dr. Craig Drennon, Mr. Dale Martin and Mr. Steve Garrison

Call to Order: Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order. Rev. Dr. Mitchell gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

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

Approval of Minutes—July 16, 2012 Meeting: Rev. Dr. Mitchell made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012 meeting. Mrs. Bradberry seconded the motion and the Board approved the minutes unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed visitors: Mr. Bill Baker and Ms. Betty Bagley from Anderson School District 5, and Ms. Liz Carey from the Anderson Independent Mail.

Consideration of District One Budget: Ms. Dana Grant presented the budget for Anderson School District One for fiscal year FY2012-13 in the amount of \$54,976,782 of which \$24,564,863 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2011-12 was \$51,688,317 representing a budget increase of 6.36 % for the new fiscal year. Ms. Grant made a motion to approve the budget which meets state requirements. Ms. Bradberry seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Mike Brock verified with Mr. Nimmer that this was the revised budget for District One. Ms. Bradberry asked Mr. Nimmer if the six positions being eliminated were due to attrition and he confirmed. Ms. Bradberry questioned if the district would still have to take the \$766,877 from the general fund balance and Mr. Nimmer confirmed. Ms. Bradberry asked the balance of the remaining general fund balance would be. Mr. Nimmer answered it would leave approximately \$9.8 million. Dr. Burgess asked what percentage would that leave remaining in the general fund and Mr. Nimmer replied approximately 20%. The Board voted unanimously to approve District One's 2012-2013's budget.

Consideration of District Two Budget: Mr. Mike Brock presented the budget for Anderson School District Two for fiscal year FY2012-13 in the amount of \$23,051,054 of which \$10,254,350 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2011-12 was \$22,582,886 representing a budget increase of 2.07% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Brock made a motion to approve the budget which meets state requirements. Ms. Bradberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve District Two's 2012-2013's budget.

Consideration of District Three Budget: Dr. Gary Burgess presented the budget for Anderson School District Three for fiscal year FY2012-13 in the amount of \$16,683,803 of which \$7,100,707 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2011-12 was \$15,861,200 representing a budget increase of 5.19% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Burgess made a motion to approve the budget which meets state requirements. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve District Three's 2012-2013's budget.

Consideration of District Four Budget: Dr. Gary Burgess presented the budget for Anderson School District Four for fiscal year FY2012-13 in the amount of \$23,047,190 of which \$15,246,638 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2011-12 was \$22,206,933 representing a budget increase of 3.78% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Burgess made the motion to approve the budget with the equivalent of 2 mills coming from the general fund's fund balance and stated that the request meets state requirements. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion. During discussion, Ms. Bradberry asked what the district originally requested and Mr. Nimmer estimated it to be approximately 153.9 mills, which equals a 5.5 mills increase. Mrs. Bradberry clarified that with this request, the board would only be approving 3.5 mills with the other 2 mills out of their fund balance? Dr. Burgess stated this was correct. Ms. Bradberry questioned if the proposed change Dr. Burgess suggested to District Four's original request would meet state requirements and Mr. Nimmer confirmed that it would, although he recommended granting the full 5.5 mills. After continued discussion on the mechanics of the proposed change in the budget and how it would affect District Four, the board voted to approve the budget with the exception of Dana Grant voting nay.

Consideration of District Five Budget: Rev. Mitchell presented the budget for Anderson School District Five for fiscal year FY2012-13 in the amount of \$88,389,287 of which \$47,577,536 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2011-12 was \$82,870,524 representing a budget increase of 6.66% for the new fiscal year. Rev. Mitchell made a motion to approve the budget which meets state requirements. Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion.

Ms. Bradberry questioned the District Five representative regarding the four additional items requested in their proposed budget. She asked if the additions would be taken from the fund balance that included the amount of money from the index of tax paying ability that will be cut? The representative answered yes. She further questioned if the additional request would leave a fund balance of 20% and the District Five representation stated it would be approximately 19%.

During discussion Dr. Burgess stated in last year's budget, that District Five proposed a 25% reduction in pay for retirees and he didn't vote for it in 2011-2012 because he believes equal work should get equal pay. He continued that this coming year there is not as much of a fiscal crisis as last school year yet the 25% reduction in pay for retiree remains in the proposed budget. He stated that again he cannot possibly vote for a budget that discriminates on the basis of age. Dr. Burgess suggested the money for the cut in salary can be taken from the fund balance to pay full pay to the retirees. Ms. Bradberry agreed with Dr. Burgess I think they need to get full pay for full work. The board voted with all members voting to approve the budget with the exception of Dr. Gary Burgess who voted nay.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: The Anderson County Alternative School is in summer recess and there was no report.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer advised the Board that Board Member Steve Garrison has been in hospital in Hilton Head due to complications from surgery but he has learned that he is en route back to the Upstate. He asked the Board to continue to keep him in their thoughts and prayers. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that all of the new staff members that were hired have started working as of August 6th. Mr. Nimmer also informed the Board that the refrigeration units that were stolen last year, have been stolen again and improved security was discussed. Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board of the deadline for incumbents to file is August 15, 2012 at noon.

Financial:

A: Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: You have the receipts for July, which are modest and nearly all receipts will be booked to the prior year. You will see Ad Valorem Taxes, the 13th month payment for some catch up money that is there, as well as the final payment for the tier three property tax relief.

B: Assessment Totals: Assessment totals county-wide increased approximately \$87 per mil during the month in July primarily due to the continuing increase in sale of vehicles.

Old Business: Mr. Nimmer shared an update from District 5 on the Anderson County Purchasing Consortium. Final estimates of what each of the districts will save by jointly consolidating their waste disposal service contracts. Pam Hassan, District 5, has been heading this up and all districts will see a significant amount of savings.

New Business:

A: ADM Accounts Payable:

B: SFS Accounts Payable:

Mr. Nimmer stated since it has been such a brief period since the last meeting, that is was also a very modest amount. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay the ADM and SFS accounts payable. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

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.