

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

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Gary Burgess

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: Mr. Garrison made the motion Old Business be moved up on the agenda to number VII. With this revision Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion to approve the agenda, and the Board agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes—December 19, 2011: Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting. Dr. Drennon seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed Mr. Keith Martin to the meeting. There were no public comments at this time.

Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2012: Mr. Garrison nominated Mr. Draisen to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year 2012. Ms. Bradberry seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Mitchell moved that Mr. Garrison remain the Vice Chairman for the calendar year 2012. Dr. Drennon seconded the motion and the Board all approved.

Rev. Dr. Mitchell nominated Brenda Bradberry as secretary for the calendar year 2012. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Draisen asked the Board members to inform him if anyone wanted to make changes to committee chairmen this year. If not, the committee chairmen will stay the same as last year.

Old Business: Mr. Garrison, chairman of the Education Improvement Committee, reported the meeting with the superintendents was productive. They identified five basic areas to submit bids that could result in savings of 10%, 20% and 30% for the schools. Some of the areas are paper, waste management, instructional supplies, maintenance supplies, and food inspection. The superintendents noted since starting the committee meetings they have learned from each other by discovering the different ways each district practices savings in purchasing supplies. The districts have been asked to submit bids between June 1, 2012, and June 19, 2012. When the bids are submitted Mr. Garrison believes the Education Improvement Committee will be able to execute contracts the first of the fiscal year. Mr. Garrison stated he would like to see classes in one district that another district does not already have be available to all schools.

Mr. Garrison left the Board meeting to attend the Anderson School District Five Board meeting.

Anderson School District Three Bond Issue: Mr. Keith Martin presented the School District Three bond issue, the primary purpose being to reroof Iva Elementary School. The bond is not to exceed \$900,000. If bids come in lower than that amount the extra money would be used to redo floors where needed. Ms. Bradberry asked if this is 8% money to which Mr. Martin replied that it is. Ms. Bradberry asked if Mr. Martin had an idea what this would do to the bond. Mr. Martin answered

use of 8% money may level millage or may cause it to go up one mill. He stated School District Three expected to have this paid off by 2017. Mr. Brock asked if the new roof will be a flat roof. Mr. Martin answered that it will be a flat roof which has a 20 year warranty. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to allow School District Three to issue the bonds not exceeding \$900,000 on the General Obligation Bonds. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported a total of 95 students attending the Alternative School at present. Mr. Nimmer stated there was no report for the number of students attending the Alternative School this time last year in January.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer:

- A. Asked Board members to contact the office to confirm plans for attending the South Carolina School Boards Association conference February 23 through February 26.
- B. Reported it is time to complete the Statement of Economic Interest Forms and this year each person has to complete the form online. A Board member will be fined if he or she does not file the statement by April 15, 2012.
- C. The State Board of Economic advisors has not met yet this month and has not given a December, 2011, report but will most likely meet in January, 2012. There will be an updated report at the February, 2012 meeting.

Financial:

- A. **Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that collections are fairly consistent as they have been for the entire fiscal year. Some income is derived from 4% property not reflected on the report. There are a couple of large commercial accounts that have not paid but will have paid by the next report. Ms. Bradberry asked when schools would get the fee in lieu payments. Mr. Nimmer replied that it comes in at different times based on the fee schedule and when the fee was issued. It is based on a separate schedule from the tax schedule.
- B. **Assessment Totals:** Assessment totals grew due to a slight rise in the sale of vehicles. All of the appeals should be netted out at this time.

New Business:

Rev. Dr. Mitchell announced a meeting of the Mental Health Committee February 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Nimmer relayed the message to the Board of Ms. Kathryn Chivers intent to retire. Ms. Chivers had success with some grants having over \$60,000 worth of grants funded. Mr. Nimmer requested Ms. Chivers prepare a summary of her successes and challenges while working to acquire various grants. One of her objectives was to promote opportunities to the school districts, which she accomplished. Another objective was to write grants, and she has been moderately successful in this area. Third, she was asked to provide technical assistance to the districts aiding them in actually writing the grants. Some of those grants were funded. Most of the classroom grants are much smaller but are included in the total of funded grants. If grants have been funded because of information she provided, the Board may not know about all of those at this time. The School Food Service department at the County Board has profited from grants received that were written by Ms. Chivers and Ms. Carolyn Barnes, School Food Service Director. Ms. Bradberry asked how well the school districts received Ms. Chivers and the information she provided. Mr. Nimmer stated that information would be in Ms. Chivers report at the February, 2012, meeting. Mr. Draisen asked if Mr. Nimmer would recommend continuing the Grant Writer position. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board of his intentions to restructure positions within the County Board to fill the upcoming vacancies.

A. ADM Accounts Payable:

- B. SFS Accounts Payable:** Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve both the County Board accounts payable and the School Food Service accounts payable. Mr. Brock seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.
- C. Schedule of County Board meetings for 2012:** Mr. Draisen presented the schedule of 2012 Board meetings. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the schedule as presented. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board all 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.

