

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

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Steve Garrison (via telephone) and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mike Brock, Ms. Dana Grant, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell and Dr. Craig Drennon

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.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed Ms. Jennifer Howard from the Anderson Independent Mail. Mr. Nimmer also introduced to the Board to new staff members Anna Hall, Attendance and Dropout Prevention Coordinator and Susan Crochetiere, Attendance Administrative Assistant.

A discussion was held regarding the lack of a quorum due to the illnesses of several members of the board. Chairman Draisen stated that the board could discuss the issues but could not adopt the agenda or approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Draisen asked if there was an Alternative School Report. Mr. Nimmer reported that normally the Alternative School sends their report to Mr. Brock who was not in attendance. Mr. Nimmer reported that the Alternative school opened this school year with 42 students.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer advised that there were very few items to report outside of the update on Mr. Steve Garrison and introducing the new employees which he had already given. He did state that due to a slight dip in collections the state budget was amended, with none of the funds affecting education. Mr. Nimmer also stated that he had been meeting with Jacky Hunter to set the millage according to the Board's approved budgets which includes the adjustment to District 4's budget. The debt service has been certified since last week as presented to the County Board.

Chairman Draisen asked if the Board was able to contact one of the absent members via phone, could the agenda items be voted on. Mr. Nimmer answered that as long as you can confirm that it is the board member on the phone, the State Ethics Commission has deemed that they can participate in the meeting. Chairman Draisen stated that he would not be present at the October meeting and asked that the meeting be run in his absence.

Financial:

A: Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer informed the board that collections are beginning to roll in. He stated that some of these dollar figures are amounts that have come in since July 1st but of course count towards last year and those corrections will be made during the year.

B: Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer reported the value of a mil grew county-wide between the end of July to the end of August due to the increased sale of automobiles. The appeals process will begin after the tax bills have been mailed out in early October

Old Business: Mr. Nimmer updated the Board on the Anderson County Purchasing Consortium and stated that contracts should be issued with the solid waste management and paper. Joint purchases will help the smaller districts.

Ms. Bradberry asked if there had been any updates on the two refrigeration units that had been stolen. Mr. Nimmer had no updates on who had actually stolen the units but two units had been ordered and arrangements are being made to install them soon. Insurance will be paying for a portion of the replacement of the units and Senior Solution will pay the remainder. Mr. Draisen asked about the upgrade in security. Mr. Nimmer explained now that the City owns the surrounding properties behind us and cameras will be installed in some of those areas, it should help. He also has spoken with Noblitt Refrigeration who had installed the original units. There are some sensors that can be placed on the units that when a break in the system is experienced, the call center will be notified and they will contact the police. He also has asked Noblitt to price the cages that go over the units which will be moved from the back of the building to the loading dock on the side of the building.

The Board was able to connect via phone with Mr. Steven Garrison to have a quorum and the following items were approved:

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

Approval of Minutes—July 16, 2012 Meeting: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2012 meeting. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and the Board approved the minutes unanimously.

New Business:

A: ADM Accounts Payable:

B: SFS Accounts Payable:

Mr. Nimmer stated since it has been approximately six weeks since the last meeting, the figures represent six weeks worth of expenditures. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay the ADM and SFS accounts payable. Dr. Burgess 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.