

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
April 16, 2012

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Dr. Craig Drennon, Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Steve Garrison, Ms. Dana Grant

Call to Order: Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order. Dr. Burgess 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 with the addition of the Play Safe presentation to become VII and the following items on the agenda numbered in succession. Dr. Burgess seconded the motion to approve, and the Board agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes—March 19, 2012 Meeting: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting. Dr. Drennon seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed visitors Mr. Jason Powell, Mr. Chris Clemow, Mr. Jim Stoker and Mr. Keith Martin.

District Three Discussion of Future Projects and Financing – Mr. Keith Martin: Mr. Martin explained the Board of Trustees for Anderson School District Three approved a plan for a \$1 million acquisition of technology equipment and vehicles at their March, 2012, meeting. The plan will cover a complete technology replacement over a period of four years and will include smart boards. The payment will be approximately \$260,000 yearly. \$175,000 of the \$1 million will be used to purchase two suburbans and one activity bus. At this time Mr. Martin asked for assurance from the Board they will approve the bond resolution when it is requested in May. Mr. Martin made the Board aware that District Three plans to amend the \$900,000 resolution passed in January for Iva Elementary roofing and add on additional money which makes the resolution be for \$1,970,000. The \$900,000 bonds will be sold in the fall. Mr. Draisen stated a motion could not be made at this time. Ms. Bradberry assured Mr. Martin the Board is in favor and his presentation will be recorded in the minutes as information received. Ms. Bradberry expressed gratitude to Mr. Martin and District Three for informing the Board ahead of time of their intentions.

Play Safe Presentation: With the following presenters: 1. Dr. Chris Clemow, Vice-Chairperson, Primary Care Sports Medicine physician with Blue Ridge Orthopedics and faculty physician teaching residents with AnMed Health. 2. Jim Stoker, Chairperson, Physical Therapist and VP of Clemson Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. 3. Jason Powell, Head Certified Athletic Trainer, Clemson Sports Medicine and Rehab, current athletic trainer with Hannah High School.

Mr. Clemow explained the creation of Play Safe, which serves Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties, as a non profit organization funded by the private sector. Play Safe was created to relieve Clemson Sports Medicine Rehab of the costs of hiring full time athletic trainers for the high schools in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens. Play Safe set a goal to raise \$500,000 of which \$250,000 of the goal has been raised. Play Safe has received 501 C3 status from the federal government for overseeing safety of athletes in the schools. Some of the goals of Play Safe are to build sports medicine services, build sports medicine education, and provide a means for our high schools students

to learn about sports medicine. Mr. Clemow asked the Board for support in the form of spreading information about Play Safe to schools. The creators of Play Safe are investigating the possibility of the athletic trainers being grant employees which would allow them to receive state benefits. They are checking into costs sharing by the schools of a percentage of the athletic trainers' salaries. If the Boards of Trustees of the school districts voted to include funding for Play Safe, the final decision to approve would rest in the hands of the Anderson County Board of Education and Mr. Clemow wanted the Board to be aware and accepting of this. A full time athletic trainer for each school would be ideal according to Mr. Clemow. The web site for Play Safe is www.playsafe.sc.org. Mr. Nimmer made the presenters aware of the Donors Choose program dealing with donations for education that may be helpful. Mr. Draisen thanked the Play Safe informants for presenting the program to the County Board members.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported a total of 133 students attending the Alternative School at present. At this time last year the enrollment was 113. The cut off date for accepting new students was April 15, 2012. Mr. Dillingham informed Mr. Nimmer there will be five seniors scheduled to graduate this year. Graduation date is May 31, 2012, at 9:30 A.M.

Administrator's Report:

- B. A. Mr. Nimmer reported the Day at the Capitol meeting will be held on May 2, 2012, from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at the State House. Anyone attending please make the office aware by Wednesday, April 25, 2012.
- C. The proposed budget schedule has been put together based on requests by the districts to have all the budget meetings completed during the week of June 11, 2012. The Budget Committee for the County Board consists of chairwoman, Ms. Brenda Bradberry and members, Mr. Steve Garrison and Dr. Gary Burgess. The County Board Budget Committee meeting will be May 14, 2012, at 4 P.M. with the budget being presented to the County Board at the May 21, 2012, meeting.
- D. Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board that filing for seat 2 Mr. Garrison, seat 7 Mr. Draisen, seat 8 Ms. Bradberry, and seat 9 Rev. Dr. Mitchell will open at noon on August 1, 2012, and will close on August 15, 2012.
- E. Mr. Nimmer made the Board aware they would be responsible for nominating a replacement for Chuck Anderson on the District Five Board due to his winning the city election.
- F. Mr. Draisen will be attending the next District Five Board meeting.

Financial:

- A. **Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that collections are holding steady across the districts or are ahead of where they were last year with each district.
- B. **Assessment Totals:** Assessment totals grew a slight amount due to vehicles. There has been new vehicle purchase affidavits processed and according to Jacky Hunter that is normal for this time of year. The value of a mill grew about \$800 countywide.

Old Business: Dr. Burgess asked the status of the Bowen bill. Mr. Nimmer replied it is dormant in the Education Committee at this time, but he is monitoring the bill very closely.

Ms. Bradberry asked which bills have passed concerning tax deduction for home school tuition up to \$4000 per year per tax payer and a tax deduction of up to \$2000 per tax payer. Mr. Nimmer answered that it has passed the house and is in the senate at the present time. Mr. Nimmer explained the out of district fee is based on EFA and the tax base. The number of students that can be accepted from out of district is based on availability.

A. ADM Accounts Payable:

SFS Accounts Payable: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay both the ADM and SFS accounts payable. Dr. Burgess 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.

