

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
May 21, 2012

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Steve Garrison, Dr. Craig Drennon, Mr. Dale Martin, Ms. Dana Grant, 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. Brock made the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Drennon seconded the motion and the Board members agreed unanimously.

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

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed visitors Mr. Keith Martin, Mr. Matt Young, Mr. Bill Baker, Mr. Chad McBride, and Mr. Lynn Gregory.

Consideration of Anderson School District Three Bond Issue: Mr. Nimmer explained this bond issue is amending a prior bond resolution previously presented by Mr. Keith Martin and discussed at the April 16, 2012 Board meeting. Dr. Craig Drennon made the motion to accept the proposal for the amendment of the prior bond resolution with a second made by Ms. Bradberry. During discussion Mr. Keith Martin explained the original bond resolution was for \$900,000 to be used for roof and floor repair of Iva Elementary. The amended bond resolution would be for an additional \$265,000 for the purchase of technology equipment and vehicles. After discussion, the vote carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Personnel Matter and Contractual Matter- Ms. Bradberry made the motion to go into executive session to consider personnel and contractual matters. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All Board members voted to approve. After executive session Mr. Draisen made it known that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the meeting.

Recommendations from Personnel Committee: Mr. Garrison, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, stated three positions will be open at the County Board due to retirement while other positions will be open for new job descriptions. Mr. Nimmer explained the new and restructured job descriptions as follows:

1. Executive Financial Administrative Assistant--combines the financial duties of the former Mental Health Administrative Assistant and the financial duties of the former Executive Secretary of the County Board. Ms. Jennie Roper, present Mental Health Administrative Assistant, will be filling this position.
2. Attendance/Drop-Out Prevention Administrative Assistant (New Hire)--Position will be full time instead of part time.
3. Receptionist, Board Secretary, Mental Health Administrative Assistant (New Hire)--Will include the non-financial portion of the present Executive Secretary's duties and secretarial duties for mental health and the Board.
4. Attendance Drop-Out Prevention Coordinator (New Hire)--Will work with School District Three and School District Five.

5. Grant Writer—Will be a contracted position with no benefits and will be asked to assist on a per case basis. Will receive a 1099.

Mr. Garrison explained that Ms. Kitty Chivers has been the County Board Grant Writer for two years and brought in approximately \$60,000. Ms. Chivers is now retired but has agreed to help on a per case basis. Ms. Bradberry asked how these changes affected the County Board monetarily. Mr. Nimmer replied that the positions would require less money because of the job revisions being made. Mr. Garrison stated there will be a 2% increase in the budget for the new fiscal year which will mostly affect fringe.

Mr. Nimmer explained the plan for beginning work with attendance in Anderson School District Five as follows: (a) Announcement of the implementation before the end of the school year during staff development days, (b) site visits with District Five Schools to discuss any questions and (c) meet with attendance clerks in all School District Five Schools for an orientation program of the County Board's attendance policies and procedures.

Mr. Garrison made the motion to proceed with revisions and new positions needed to administer the Attendance Drop-Out Prevention Coordinator for Anderson County Schools. Mr. Nimmer stated the positions would be posted in the same manner always used by the County Board and the interviews would be conducted by the Personnel Committee followed by an interview with the County Board members. New hires are expected to be in position by July 1, 2012. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Consideration of County Board Budget: Ms. Bradberry, Chairperson of the Budget Committee, presented the Anderson County Board of Education budget including the reorganization of present positions, the new positions, and changed fringe. In the 2012-13 budget the interest was lowered but fringe increased. More money will be available from Act 388 for the coming year with a 2% increase in revenue. There are decreases in expenses due to changes in positions. There will be no tax increase. All revenue and expenditures have been adjusted to the 2011-12 revenue and expenditures. With all changes being made the County Board will be able to provide a 2% salary increase for returning staff. The IRS issue of payment for travel of \$.555 per mile will be implemented and Board Purchased Services has been adjusted to provide for the payment of grant writing contract services. All Board members voted to approve the 2012-13 Anderson County Board of Education budget.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported a total of 132 students attending the Alternative School at present. At this time last year the enrollment was 124. Mr. Nimmer said the Alternative School was expecting to graduate 3 to 5 students this year on May 31, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Administrator's Report:

- A. Anderson School District Four sent a letter concerning a bond issue they would like the County Board to consider. Ms. D'Andrea called to explain she would not be in attendance due to a previously scheduled meeting with new teachers, but she welcomes calls from the Board members with any questions they might have. This bond issue will be done with no millage increase. The money will go toward capital improvement of Pendleton High School roof and yearly painting upkeep projects.
- B. The Senate still has not passed the Budget Appropriations Bill and as a result the scheduled meetings for the school districts' to present their budgets may have to be rescheduled for the last of June. Ms. Bradberry asked what is predicted to be the base student cost. Mr. Nimmer replied that it is still \$2012. Dr. Drennon asked about the tax credit bill for independent schools. Mr. Nimmer replied the bill has passed the House. The Senate Finance Committee passed the bill with no recommendation which is an important political move.

- C. The Anderson County Delegation is tentatively planning to meet June 28, 2012, to consider the Anderson County Alternative School and the Anderson County Board of Education budgets.

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 for each district with the exception of District One. District One collections are behind budget projections due primarily to an amended fee-in-lieu of taxes agreement with Robert Bosch. Mr. Nimmer said that it has been a good year for collections.
- B. **Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer reported that the reason for growth is the sale of vehicles. The value of a mill grew about \$550 last month because of the vehicle sales.

Old Business: The districts are continuing to work together and have identified two primary areas, paper and waste service contracts, in which they can save the most money by joint procurement. The challenge to procuring waste service contracts is the different expiration dates on present contracts. A discount of 25% for school specialty uniforms has been worked out.

Mr. Draisen reported he attended the Anderson School District Five Board meeting which he enjoyed. He made the Board aware of changes that may be suggested in the future concerning the recommendation of students being sent to the Alternative School.

A. ADM Accounts Payable:

SFS Accounts Payable: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay the ADM and SFS accounts payable. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board all agreed.

Mr. Draisen presented a letter he received stating Mr. Chuck Anderson has been elected to the Anderson City Council and asking for a recommendation for his replacement from the County Board. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to postpone making this decision at this meeting until the next Board meeting to which the Board 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.

