

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
November 21, 2011

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

Board Members Absent: Ms. Dana Grant

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. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the Board agreed unanimously.

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

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed visitor Mr. Bill Baker

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported 81 students attending the Alternative School at present. There were 73 enrolled last year in October, 2010. Mr. Garrison said he did not realize the Alternative School accommodated special education students. Mr. Nimmer stated that as long as the special need student is not self contained and could perform the boot camp portion of the program, he or she could attend the Alternative School. Mr. Nimmer told the Board there is a social worker and psychologist at the Alternative School.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- A. During the month of October revenue growth for the state grew 4.3%. This year to date, July through October, 2011, the growth rate is being maintained at 4.5%. The budgets should be safe and flow of funds from the state to the districts through EIA, EFA and various other programs should be maintained.
- B. Anderson School District Three sent a letter stating they would like to appear before the Anderson County Board of Education in January for the consideration of a bond issue using their 8% money for a roofing project. Site visits will be coordinated at the Board members' convenience.
- C. Mr. Nimmer attended the Blue Ribbon recognition service for Townville Elementary. They are one of three schools in South Carolina to receive this award which is very much deserved.

Financial:

- A. **Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that once again funds are flowing to districts as budgeted. District Two has caught up and got a little ahead because they were able to collect two years worth of the money disputed. Some of this money comes from current funds and some from delinquent funds.

- B. Assessment Totals:** County wide growth was a little over \$6 million this year which is a modest amount of growth we did not have last year. The current value of a mill countywide is \$636,614. This represents a \$6500 per mill increase in growth from the 2010 year.

Old Business: Mr. Garrison reported the meeting for the County Board and the Anderson County School Superintendents is scheduled for December 5. The meeting will be held at the Anderson County Board building at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Garrison suggested the superintendents bring their financial directors and purchasing agents with them to the meeting. There will be a plan to implement a bidding process for approximately seven items including office products, cleaning services and technology. Dr. D'Andrea will be working on the technology portion of the plan. Each district will be responsible for presenting a plan regarding one of the items listed. Mr. Garrison said he believes the districts can save money by working on making purchases together.

New Business: Mr. Draisen reported he attended the Anderson School District Five board meeting and found it to be very informative. He believes the Board should continue sending representatives to the district meetings when possible.

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. Dr. Burgess seconded the motion and the Board approved 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.

