

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
September 20, 2010

Board Members Present: Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Jeff Kubu, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Shawn McGee, Mr. Randy Price, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Steve Garrison, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: All members were present.

Call to Order: Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order. Rev. Dr. Mitchell presented the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

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

Approval of Minutes—August 16, 2010: Rev. Dr. Mitchell made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kubu seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

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

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported the Alternative School's active enrollment is 72 at present. Mr. Kubu asked if Alternative School students could participate in sports at their home schools. Mr. Brock stated the students cannot participate. Mr. Kubu asked what percent of children are sent to the Alternative School before and after 9th grade academy. Ms. Bradberry stressed the importance of hiring a school psychologist to fill the position left vacant by the departure of Marty Jenkins. This school year, Anderson School District Four is the supervising district for the Alternative School.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

A. The Board of Economic Advisors released figures for July and August of 2010, with the positive news of an increase of 4.1% for the period of July and August 2010, when compared to the same period in 2009. August 2010 had an increase of 5.5% when compared to August 2009. There will not be budget cuts as long as revenue keeps up with expenditures.

B. Powdersville Elementary was named a Blue Ribbon School, an honor given to three schools in South Carolina. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels. Read more about blue ribbon schools at <http://www.ed.gov/>

C. Ms. Kitty Chivers will provide a report on her progress with school grants at the next Board meeting on October 18, 2010.

D. Mr. Nimmer has asked for a report from the 9th Grade Academy as requested.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer stated tax collections are in the same basic range as this time last year. There will be some collections of delinquent taxes in September due to the tax sale which will be held October 4, 2010.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer reported assessments are holding steady after being on the downward trend. New growth in real estate should be reflected in the September figures.

Old Business:

County Board Projects Update: There is nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable:

B. SFS Accounts Payable: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay the Anderson County Board of Education and the School Food Service accounts payable with a second by Rev. Dr. Mitchell. The Board approved unanimously.

At this time Mr. Draisen praised Mr. Nimmer for a good job of staying in touch with the schools of Anderson County. A good example is the conference scheduled at the Anderson County Library for all the county guidance counselors on September 28, 2010. This is the second annual "Sharing Services for Student Success" conference sponsored by the Anderson County Board of Education and organized by Ms. Cindy Pruitt, Attendance/Drop-Out Prevention Coordinator.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Acting Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.

