

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
May 16, 2011

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Steve Garrison, Mr. David Draisen

Call to Order: Ms. Bradberry, in the absence of Mr. Draisen and Mr. Garrison, 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: Dr. Gary Burgess made the motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes—April 18, 2011: Mr. Dale Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting and Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Ms. Bradberry recognized the visitor Mr. Keith Martin, Financial Director of Anderson School District Three.

School District Three Bond Issue: Mr. Keith Martin, Anderson School District Three Financial Director stated the District Three Board of Trustees approved a short term issue bond with a 2 year payoff and asked for the Anderson County Board's approval for the bond. The bond will be used for athletic improvements, technology, and vehicle replacement. Mr. Brock made the motion to approve the bond, Dr. Drennon seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

School District Three TAN: Mr. Keith Martin introduced the Tax Anticipation Note for Anderson School District Three not to exceed \$1 million for 2011-12. The amount will probably be closer to \$850,000. Last year District Three only paid \$3000 in interest and received a rebate which resulted in paying only \$400 for a \$1million TAN. Mr. Brock made the motion to approve the TAN, Dr. Drennon seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously. Upon Mr. Brock's request, Mr. Martin explained that stimulus money from the state was used for aid to district special education and aid to district regular. He stated District Three did lose money that helped consolidate funding but this money will be more than they lost. Stimulus money was used to fund 19 positions which included IDEA preschool. They expect to lose nine or ten positions which they have had for two years. There were 32 positions funded originally but some of those positions were cut last year.

Ms. Bradberry appointed Mr. Mike Brock temporary secretary for the May 16, 2011 meeting.

Consideration of County Board Budget: Ms. Bradberry explained the proposed 2011-12 budget for the County Board includes a 4% raise for employees as well as an increase in fringe. The total for both the raise and fringe amounts to \$21,135.54. Dr. Burgess asked Mr. Nimmer if the allotted amount for administrative travel and dues and fees is sufficient. Mr. Nimmer explained the travel amount is sufficient and the minimal amount for membership in the School Administrators Association and School Business Officers Association is very adequate. Dr. Burgess moved to accept the 2011-12 budget for the County Board and a second was made by Rev. Dr. Mitchell in agreement. The Board unanimously voted to pass the budget.

Ms. Bradberry asked Mr. Nimmer to explain other state revenue. Mr. Nimmer explained in putting the budget together the budgeted revenue here is based on the current year. The prior year was budgeted very conservatively since we did not know what to expect. This year we should meet or exceed every line item budgeted for 2011-12. In the past the state paid out their allocations throughout the year and as the fiscal year was closing the state would catch up all accounts. Over the years the "catch-up" payments have decreased significantly.

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board of an allocation error made when the initial property tax relief was frozen in the 90's. This has been corrected at the treasurer's office at the appropriate level moving forward.

Dr. Burgess thanked Ms. Bradberry for her hard work as chairwoman of the County Board Budget Committee during preparation of the 2011-12 budget.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported 124 students at present enrolled at the Alternative School. Mr. Nimmer, in response to a previous question, said the students could only return to their original school at the end of the first or second semester. No one can return during the course of the year. A series of conferences with each district to decide who is ready to return and who has successfully completed the program are held before the student is allowed to return. Mr. Brock emphasized the importance of the Charleston field trip to the students who participated. He explained how well the students behaved on the trip and how much they appreciated the opportunity. Everyone is invited to the Alternative School graduation to be held June 3, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

A. The budget meeting schedule for districts is confirmed as follows:

April 25, 2011--County Board Budget Committee--4:00 pm

May 16, 2011-- County Board Considers County Board Budget

June 1, 2011--District Budgets due to County Board

June 20, 2011--County Board Budget Workshop--4:00 pm

June 21, 2011--Anderson School District One--7:00 pm

June 23, 2011--Anderson School District Two--5:00 pm

June 21, 2011--Anderson School District Three--5:00 pm

June 21, 2011--Anderson School District Four--3:00 pm

June 23, 2011--Anderson School District Five--7:00 pm

All meetings will be held at the Anderson County Board building at 402 Bleckley Street.

B. Ms. Grant and Dr. Drennon will be attending the New Board Orientation meeting in Columbia on June 11, 2011.

C. Two Days at the Capital was a success with more exposure and access to the Delegation members than in the past.

D. The Board of Economic advisors reported that in March there was a 12.3% increase in revenue over the prior year bringing the year to date total from July through March to 6.4%. With that strong showing the Board of Economic Advisors has now raised revenue estimates by \$200 million. Instead of a \$5.8 billion state budget it is now a \$6 billion state budget. Now the state has to decide how to allocate \$200 million. This should protect the base student cost at \$1788, an increase of 10% over last year's amount.

Financial:

A. **Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:**

B. **Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer reported tax collections continue to be consistent and districts are getting the amounts budgeted. Assessment totals are slightly higher for the third month in succession. Due to much stronger new car sales, \$1000 per mil was gained. New car

sales are outstripping the depreciation for the first time in awhile. Real property has held fairly steady.

Old Business: Due to cancellation of the previous date for presentation of the audit report because of snow, Mr. Nimmer is working to reschedule with Ken Martin for a convenient time for the audit report.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable:

B. SFS Accounts Payable: Dr. Burgess made the motion to approve both the County Board accounts payable and the School Food Service accounts payable. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Mike Brock, Appointed Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.