

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
April 20, 2015

Call to Order

Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present:

The following board members were present for the April 2015 meeting: Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry was not able to attend.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2015 Board Meeting

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Nakia Davis. With a unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period

Anderson County District Four submitted a letter requesting the Board consider a bond issue. Representatives from the district, Lee D'Andrea, Superintendent; Dr. Joanne Avery, Superintendent-elect; and Mr. Larry Young, Chief Financial Officer, outlined items they would like to use the bond funds for which included repairs, improvements and upgrades. The Board appreciated the information and will look forward to more discussion on this issue in May.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

Mr. Nimmer passed out the report for the ACAS showing there are currently 111 students in attendance. Last year at this time, there were 114 students. Dr. Burgess noted the free lunch percentage has declined from 79% last year to 63% this year. Mr. Nimmer announced this year's graduation date is scheduled for May 22, 2015 at 9:00 am with four potential graduates. Ms. Grant asked if these students are offered the WorkKeys Assessment and Mr. Nimmer answered yes.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer referenced a letter from Keith Martin, Director of Financial Services for District Three, which serves as the formal request to consider their bond anticipation note. This is almost identical to the District Five bond anticipation note as the same group is putting it together following the same general process. If there are any questions regarding either bond issue for District Three or District Five, forward them to Mr. Nimmer and he will find the answers for you.

Two Days at the Capital in Columbia will be held on May 13, 2015. The Board office will register those that would like to attend. Mr. Draisen and Mr. Davis expressed an interest in attending. Mr. Nimmer said they normally leave about 7:00 am that morning and return about 3:30 pm the same day.

Budget Workshops will be scheduled for Districts One and Five one day early in June and then will do Districts Two, Three and Four soon after. Right now we are planning to schedule between June 3 and June 10. District budgets should be to the Board office by May 22nd.

Mr. Draisen shared with the Board that he was contacted by Dr. Chris Clemow of AnMed Family Medicine stressing the importance of having athletic trainers. District Five plans to increase the number of athletic trainers on staff when the budget comes out.

Financial

Mr. Nimmer reported that tax collections year-to-date remain consistent with a collection rate 1.5 to 3.5 percent greater than this time last year. Delinquent tax collection is down from last year. In addition, tax assessments that are adjusted monthly remained flat. Over the last couple of years we have normally seen a dip at this time of year as auto sales have not kept pace with depreciation. Automobiles are selling better this year so that dip has been eliminated.

Old Business

The City of Anderson and the County Board have come to an agreement and an offer has been accepted to purchase the old building on Bleckley Street. This will be a lump sum cash sale and the closing is expected to take place within the next 50 days. A short discussion ensued regarding who will be the person to sign the sales agreement at the closing. Dr. Burgess made a motion to authorize Chairman of the Board, David Draisen, the designee. The motion was seconded by Rev. Mitchell and approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

Mr. Mike Brock made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. David Draisen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Draisen.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary Burgess, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.