

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**May 18, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Ms. Brenda Bradberry 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: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Ms. Dana Grant and Mr. Mike Upton were not able to attend.

**Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Rev. Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2015 Board Meeting**

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

**Consideration of Anderson School District Three Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)**

The Director of Financial Services for School District Three, Mr. Keith Martin, made himself available to the Board to answer questions regarding the approval of the bond anticipation note. Mr. Martin told the Board the bond anticipation note will not exceed 9 million dollars and will be used to construct and remodel athletic, cafeteria and media facilities. It will be paid off with proceeds of the previously approved bond referendum. Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Mike Brock. It was unanimously approved.

**Consideration of Anderson School District Four Bond Issue**

Mr. Larry Young, Director of Finance for Anderson School District Four, brought the general obligation bond resolution before the Board. The Bond(s) requested for 2015 will require only one resolution to provide funding for projects related to maintenance, safety improvements, instructional supplies, HVAC, to name a few. The consolidation of funding sources into a single resolution will be a saving to the district in both legal and financial administrative services as well as allow the current millage range to go unchanged. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the Bond resolution and Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion. This was followed by a unanimous vote to approve.

### **Consideration of South Carolina School Boards Association Resolution**

Dr. Gary Burgess motioned that the Anderson County Board of Education approve a resolution to uphold provisions already in place by the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA). Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded.

Dr. Burgess stated that money isn't always used to benefit student learning especially in the lower part of the state. Even with good teachers and superintendents, test scores are not improving. Some Board members questioned the purpose of the resolution and the good it would do. Dr. Burgess feels it will draw attention to the matter, especially for the underperforming schools, and remind the state and local schools that this resolution is something they should be doing anyway. With a show of hands, the signing of the resolution was passed unanimously to be signed.

### **Anderson County Alternative School Report**

Mr. Brock shared that approximately four students were expected to graduate from the Alternative School on Friday, May 22, at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend. Mr. Nimmer stated that last year at this time there were 119 students attending compared to 109 this year. Ms. Bradberry requested a report showing the number of students successfully returned to their home schools, the number that drop out, and how many go other places. With the technology in place, this should not be difficult. Mr. Draisen agreed to see what could be done to get these numbers.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that Mr. Mike Upton had surgery today and is doing well.

This year's Budget Workshops have been tentatively scheduled and Mr. Nimmer passed these dates to the Board members.

Mr. Nakia Davis shared that he enjoyed attending Two Days at the Capitol on May 13<sup>th</sup>. It was very informative. There were no burning legislative issues. The State hopes to have their budget ready soon. He also mentioned it was nice to meet and talk to members of the delegation as well as some of the local groups.

### **Financial**

Mr. Nimmer reported that the end of the fiscal year is coming close to an end. Everyone is at or near where they should be to meet their revenue budgets. Collection percentages continue to be 1.5 to 3 percent ahead of where they were last year. Following the trend we have been on all year, the districts should be at 100% of collection at the end of June.

Assessment totals through April 30, 2015 show the value of a mil county-wide is \$686,803, an approximate \$300 drop from last month. This is normal at this time of year as depreciation is applied and new car purchases have dwindled a bit. In the past couple of months, we have not seen this depreciation reflected since new car sales have been strong.

### **Old Business**

The City of Anderson and the County Board have come to an agreement and an offer has been accepted. The sales contract has been taken care of it is just a matter of signing closing documents and transferring the deed.

### **New Business**

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills. Dr. Gary Burgess 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.