

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 BLECKLEY STREET, ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29625
FEBRUARY 16, 2009 6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: BRENDA BRADBERRY, RANDY PRICE, DAVID DRAISEN, MIKE BROCK, DALE MARTIN, REV. DR. MITCHELL, MIKE GRAY, STEVE GARRISON AND JOEY NIMMER, EX OFFICIO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: JEFF KUBU WAS ABSENT.

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 FLAG.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MR. GRAY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, REV. DR. MITCHELL SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE BOARD APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—JANUARY 26, 2009 MEETING: MS. BRADBERRY MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND MR. GRAY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE BOARD AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOGNITION OF MEDIA, PATRONS / PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: MR. DRAISEN WELCOMED MS. LIZ CAREY, A REPORTER WITH THE ANDERSON INDEPENDENT-MAIL. THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THIS TIME.

ANDERSON COUNTY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL REPORT: MR. BROCK REPORTED THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL IS INCREASING. THE ADDITION OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS ONE REASON FOR AN INCREASE. MR. PRICE ASKED IF A STUDENT COULD BE EXPELLED FROM THE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL IF HE OR SHE REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES. MR. NIMMER STATED WHEN A STUDENT PUTS OTHER STUDENTS AT PERIL BY THEIR ACTIONS; THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE INTERVENES. MR. NIMMER EXPLAINED THERE WAS A FIRE IN A MODULAR BUILDING AT THE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL CAUSED FROM A SHORT IN A HEATER MOTOR. THE CLAIMS PROCESS HAS ALREADY BEEN STARTED. FORTUNATELY THE BUILDING WAS ADEQUATELY INSURED DUE TO ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE INSURANCE POLICY LAST YEAR.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: MR. NIMMER REPORTED:

- A. THE DEADLINE FOR STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15TH.
- B. THE CLEMSON TECHNICAL WRITING CLASS IS CONTINUING WORK ON THE BOARD MANUAL.
- C. THE STROM THURMOND INSTITUTE STUDY COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT A FILE OF DOCUMENTS TO THE BOARD AT THE MARCH REGULAR BOARD MEETING.
- D. IN RESEARCHING THE GRANT WRITING POSITION, MR. NIMMER ACQUIRED SEVERAL JOB DESCRIPTIONS WITH SALARIES ATTACHED WHICH RANGE FROM \$35,000 TO \$85,000. THE RESEARCH INCLUDES NON-PROFIT AND SCHOOL DISTRICT GRANT WRITERS. THERE WOULD ALSO BE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT COST, WHICH PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS WOULD SHARE.
- E. COPIES OF AUDITS FROM ALL THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS.

FINANCIAL: MR. NIMMER INFORMED THE BOARD TAX MONEY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. ALL DISTRICTS ARE IN THE RANGE OF WHERE THEY SHOULD BE. THERE WAS A SLIGHT DIP IN TOTAL ASSESSMENT VALUES FROM LAST MONTH TO THIS MONTH WHICH WAS TO BE EXPECTED SINCE APPEALS WERE BEING HANDLED BY THE ADJUSTER'S OFFICE. ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO SOME VALUES BASED ON THOSE APPEALS. THERE WAS A SMALL SHIFT FROM 6% PROPERTY TO 4% PROPERTY PRIMARILY FOR NEW HOMES. THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IS VEHICLE DEPRECIATION WHICH IS NOT BEING OFFSET BY THE UNITS BEING PLACED ON THE BOOKS. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL RATCHED DOWN SINCE IT IS COMPLETE.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. COUNTY BOARDS PROJECT UPDATE: MENTAL HEALTH IS WORKING OUT WELL AT THIS TIME. MOST

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- B. OTHER PROJECTS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED IN THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT.
- C. MR. GARRISON MADE A MOTION TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS TO
- D. ADDRESS THE HANDLING OF THE CASH, CHECKS, PETTY CASH, MISCELLANEOUS AND CREDIT CARDS TO PREVENT ANY MISHANDLING OF MONIES BY EMPLOYEES. MR. MARTIN SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.
- E. MR. PRICE MADE THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE PROPOSAL SET FORTH BY THE CITY OF ANDERSON RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE THE COUNTY BOARD LAND AND BUILDING. MR. GARRISON SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE BOARD AGREED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECONSIDER. MR. NIMMER STATED THE BOARD WAS GIVEN A SITE PLAN AND LETTER FROM THE CITY EXPLAINING THEIR LONG TERM PLANS. MS. BRADBERRY WANTED TO KNOW IF THE CITY HAD BOUGHT OTHER SURROUNDING PROPERTIES. MR. NIMMER EXPLAINED TO BOBBY BEVIL THE PROCESS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOARD IN MAKING DECISIONS TO THE PURCHASE PROPOSAL. THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY BEHIND THE COUNTY BOARD OFFICE HAS ALSO BEEN CONTACTED. MS. BRADBERRY ASKED IF A COMMITTEE WOULD BE FORMED TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL. MR. PRICE SUGGESTED MR. NIMMER CONTACT MR. BEVIL AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ADM ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- B. SFS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: MR. BROCK MADE THE MOTION TO PAY ADM ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND SFS ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. MS. BRADBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE BOARD APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. MS. BRADBERRY ASKED ABOUT THE INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT. MR. NIMMER EXPLAINED THE PAYMENT WAS FOR LIABILITY AND PROPERTY ON THE COUNTY BOARD BUILDING FOR A YEAR. THE BIGGEST PORTION OF THAT BEING THE TORT LIABILITY FOR ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS.
- C. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2009: MR. DRAISEN HANDED OUT THE PROPOSALS FOR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. MR. GRAY INFORMED THE BOARD THE DELEGATION IS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING A COMMISSION TO REVISIT ALL THE TAXES IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES. HE SAID THE CHAMBER IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDING MR. NIMMER BE ON THIS COMMISSION. MR. NIMMER STATED THE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES AND IS IN COMMITTEE AT PRESENT. MS. BRADBERRY ASKED IF THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY ACT 388 COULD BE DONE AWAY WITH. MR. NIMMER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THEY COULD POLITICALLY, BUT EVERYBODY IS IN AGREEMENT ACT 388 NEEDS TO BE REVISITED. LEGISLATION IS BEING INTRODUCED BY SENATOR DAVIS FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY DEALING WITH REVAMPING EFA AS WELL. MS. BRADBERRY SAID EFA SHOULD BE REVISITED BECAUSE IN 1977, THE COASTAL AREA HAD NO BASE, BUT NOW THEIR INCOME IS GREATER THAN IN OUR AREA. MS. BRADBERRY SCHEDULED A BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR MARCH 16TH AT 4:30P.M.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

REV. DR. RUFUS MITCHELL, SECRETARY OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF NOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING.

