

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, SC 29625

MINUTES

August 16, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dr. Keith L. Cole, George W. Seaborn, P. Michael Brock, George R. Price, Thomas F. Allen, Brenda D. Bradberry, Harris G. Wilks, and Millard G. Smith, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Shawn R. McGee, and Barbara R. Kay

Others Present: Brantley Jordan, Mary Lee Lollis, Linda Bell, Renee' Potter, and Lisa Wilson

Call to Order: Dr. Cole, Chairman, called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: With a motion by Mrs. Bradberry to approve the agenda with the Anderson Alternative School added as (D) under New Business and second by Mr. Wilks, the agenda as changed was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes--July15 Special Meeting and July 19 Regular Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Wilks and a second by Mr. Seaborn.

Recognition of Media and Others: Dr. Cole welcomed the guests to the meeting. He also commended Mr. Price's son for his performance during the football Jamboree.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board: No one wished to address the Board.

Introduction of New Personnel to the Board: Mr. Smith introduced Mrs. Bell as the new School Food Service Director.

Executive Session: On motion by Mr. Brock and second by Mr. Price, the Board entered into executive session.

Return to Open Session: The Board returned to open session with no action taken. Mr. Seaborn made a motion to approve the mental health contracted out services of three counselors to serve four school districts for a total revenue and expenditure of \$53,500. This is in addition to the mental health counselor on staff. With a second by Mr. Price the proposal was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Potter gave a brief overview of the program citing depression as the major problem. The counselors were in agreement that if possible they would like to be able to do more preventative rather than crisis counseling. Discussion followed as to how to best fund the program with Medicaid and Anderson Medical Center as major possibilities. By stating he thought this was the most important service the Board could do for the students, Mr. Price made a motion that a committee be formed to study ways to permanently fund the program with possibility of expanding to meet the growing needs of the children in the school districts. On second by Mrs. Bradberry, the motion was unanimously approved. Dr. Cole then appointed Mr. Price, Mr. Wilks, Mrs. Potter, Ms. Wilson and Mr. Smith, Ex-Officio to the committee and requested they come back to the Board as soon as possible with a plan of action.

Financial: Mr. Smith distributed a report showing the July taxes received that will be accrued into last fiscal year as will the month of August. He then distributed a report showing total taxes collected versus budgets. These reports are attached to the minutes. A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Smith adding that he had no explanation for the great year of collection other than the assessment was incorrect or the growth was at an unmeasurable rate. Mr. Seaborn added that privatization of school buses is now being discussed in the state Department of Education and the Governor's office. He feels this would be a tremendous mistake.

SC School Boards Regional Meeting: This meeting will be held September 16 at Belton-Honea Path High School. Mr. Wilks, Mr. Price, Mr. Allen, Dr. Cole, Mrs. Bradberry and Mr. Smith plan to attend.

School Trustee Filing Results as of Closing Date August 16: This list is attached to the minutes.

US Justice Approval of District Five: Mr. Smith reported that the lines for School District Five redistricting have been reviewed by the Justice Department with no objections. Final approval will be forthcoming.

Minutes

August 16, 2004

Page Two

Old Business:

A. Auditor's Compliance Request—with a motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. Brock, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cole to sign the request stating the 2004 tax levy is in compliance with state law.

B. Web Site—Mr. Wilks advised the Board that restructure of the office telecommunications will probably save money and that the web site will be developed soon. He commended Mr. Smith and Mrs. Lollis on their work on this project.

C. Mr. Price said he had received the salaries from School District Four and asked if the other districts had submitted their salary information. Mr. Smith answered the information had not yet been received. Mr. Price added that this salary information was for board use and should not be made public.

New Business:

A. Authorization to Let Bids for Anderson County School Directories—authorization was unanimously given on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. Wilks.

B. The August ADM Accounts Payable was unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Seaborn and second by Mr. Brock.

C. The August SFS Accounts Payable was unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Seaborn and second by Mr. Brock.

D. Alternative School—Mrs. Bradberry expressed her concern that meetings were being held at the Alternative School that were not advertised, which would be in conflict with the Freedom of Information Act. After discussion, the Board was of unanimous consensus that Dr. Cole should write a letter to the Chairman of the Alternative School Board of Trustees saying this is not in compliance with the law or the agreement

between the County Board and the school districts; that under Act 156 the County Board has fiscal authority of the Alternative School including the budget; owns the property; and no changes will be made without authorization.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Brock, Secretary, Anderson County Board of Education

This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.



402 Bleckley Street • Anderson, SC 29625
Phone: (864) 225-0591 • Fax: (864) 226-7986