

MINUTES
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson SC 29625
November 15, 2004 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Harris G. Wilks and Barbara R. Kay

Others Present: Newly elected board members Steve Garrison and David Draisen; Brantley Jordan, and Mary Lee Lollis

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

Approval of Agenda: On a motion by Mrs. Bradberry to approve the agenda and second by Mr. McGee, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes– October 18, 2004 Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Allen and second by Mrs. Bradberry.

Recognition of Media and Others: Dr. Cole welcomed the board members-elect and Mr. Jordan to the meeting.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Board: No one wished to address the Board. Mr. Smith read a letter from Mr. Wilks welcoming Mr. Draisen to the board and expressing his appreciation to the current board members for their support and friendship during his tenure.

Recognition of Achievement: A letter of recommendation to the Belton-Honea Path High School band director, Jamie Smith, for his students placing twelfth in the state in AAA band competition was signed by the board members. This was the first time the band had reached state competition. The assistant band director is Jon Michael Brock.

Mr. Price read a letter to the Pendleton High School band director, Robert Smith, congratulating him on the band placing first in the state AA competition after placing second for several years. He also read a letter to the cheerleading coach, Melissa Jefferson and her assistant, Tammy Reid, for winning first in their state competition.

Financial Reports:

- A. 45-Day ADM Report–the 45-ADM report for this school year was reviewed by Mr. Smith and is attached to the minutes. Countywide enrollment increased by four hundred eleven (411) students.
- B. Per Cent of 14.7 Mill Allocations to School Districts--Mr. Smith explained the 14.7 mill allocation report, which is attached to the minutes. Mr. Allen asked how the formula was developed. Mr. Smith replied the Department of Revenue established the formula in 1983, which uses 5.145% to calculate elementary and 9.555% to calculate high school for the total amount to be distributed to each district.
- C. Taxes Collected for Month of October–this report is attached to the minutes. Mr. Smith announced the property tax relief money is expected December 1. He also stated that usually taxes were paid when due but this year people are paying early.
- D. National School Board Advocacy Efforts–Mr. Smith read a letter announcing the NSBA successfully lobbied Congress to approve a \$655 million funding increase in Title I and a \$1.2 billion increase in IDEA. Mrs. Bradberry asked if there would be new money for the No Child Left Behind program, and Mr. Smith said some and there would also be some state lottery money. Mr. Allen asked how much lottery money would be received for K-6 grades, and Mr. Smith replied that the intent was according to the PACT scores.

Executive Session: Upon a motion by Mrs. Bradberry and a second by Mr. Brock, the board entered into executive session with unanimous consent.

Return to Open Session: With no vote or action taken, the board returned to open session on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. McGee. Mrs. Bradberry made a motion to ask the Alternative School to send monthly account status and chart of accounts to the County Board. With a second by Mr. Allen, the motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Meeting, December 20: Mr. Smith announced the December meeting would be held at Red Lobster with a 6:00 p.m. business meeting and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Spouses are invited.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

- A. The November ADM and School Food Service Accounts Payable were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Brock and second by Mrs. Bradberry.
- B. The board unanimously approved a motion by Mrs. Bradberry authorizing Mr. Smith to issue a press release commending the achievements of the Belton-Honea Path band, and the Pendleton High School band and cheerleading squad. Dr. Cole said the board would continue to look for positive accomplishments by students in the five school districts.
- C. Mr. Price said the grant for mental health that was discussed at the September meeting was not successful. He added that the districts had met regarding this issue without including the County Board. He said the County Board will need to make a decision as to whether to continue the mental health program. If so, how will expenditures be met.

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.