

MINUTES
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Red Lobster, North Main Street, Anderson SC 29621
December 20, 2004 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: George W. Seaborn, P. Michael Brock, George R. Price, Thomas F. Allen, Brenda D. Bradberry, Barbara R. Kay, and Millard G. Smith, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Dr. Keith L. Cole, Shawn R. McGee, and Harris G. Wilks

Others Present: Alison Glass-Newton, The Anderson Independent-Mail; newly elected board members David Draisen and Rev. Rufus Mitchell; Phil Landreth, Leslie and Jesse Price; Brantley Jordan, and Mary Lee Lollis

Call to Order: In the absence of Dr. Cole, Chairman, and Mr. Wilks, Vice Chairman, Mr. Brock called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance. Rev. Mitchell gave the invocation.

Approval of Agenda: On a motion by Mrs. Bradberry to approve the agenda with the addition of Item C under Section VIII. With a second by Mr. Allen, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes–November 14, 2004 Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. Price.

Recognition of Media and Others: Mr. Brock welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Trustee Vacancy: As a candidate for the School District One trustee vacancy, Mr. Landreth addressed the board and gave an overview of his resume'. Mr. Seaborn read a letter from Dr. Fowler, Superintendent, stating the board of trustees was recommending Mrs. Sallie Lee for the vacancy. Mr. Seaborn made a motion to appoint Mrs. Lee to School District One Board of Trustees. With a second by Mrs. Bradberry, Mrs. Lee was unanimously appointed for the current term, which expires November, 2006.

January Meeting: Due to the regular meeting falling on a holiday, the board unanimously rescheduled the meeting to January 10, 2005.

Recognition of State Achievements/Signs to be Erected:

- A. School District Two, Belton-Honea Path High School–Mr. Smith announced signs will be erected on the roads entering Belton and Honea Path commemorating the AAA State Football championship and thanked Mr. Townsend of the Anderson Legislative Delegation for getting the signs made at cost. Mr. Brock added that the students and coaches were champions on and off the field and stated under the coach's guidance the team had raised money for a member of the opposing team in the championship game whose home had burned the day of the game.
- B. School District Four, Pendleton High School–Mr. Smith announced signs would be erected around Pendleton High School commemorating the AA State Cheerleading Championship and the AA State Band Championship.
- C. The board presented a certificate to Jesse Price, son of board member, Randy Price. Jesse was named to the State AA Football 1st team.

Financial Reports:

- A. Taxes Collected for Month of November–this report is attached to the minutes.
- B. Alternative School–Mr. Smith reviewed the November pupil activity checking account. This information will be presented each month.
- C. Audits–Mr. Smith reviewed the Alternative School audit that showed \$60,761 revenue over expenditure with a fund balance of \$1,118,041. As of November 30, the current fund balance is \$785,000. Mr. Smith then presented the County Board audit, which gave high marks to the board. One concern was legal fees that were budgeted at \$27,000 and were actually \$96,481 for an overage of \$69,481. To date there has not been a decision on the lawsuit. On a motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mrs. Kay, the County Board audit was approved and the Alternative School audit was accepted as information.
- D. Property Tax Relief Collected and Distributed–Mr. Smith said the monies had been received December 1 and disbursed December 2.

Swearing In/Oath of Office for New Board Members: New board members will be sworn in January 4, 2005, at the County Board office.

Alternative School Committee to be Appointed by Chairman: A committee consisting of Mr. McGee and Mr. Allen was appointed to work with the Alternative School on some questions that have arisen. Mrs. Bradberry and Mr. Price asked the Acting Chair if they could be added to the committee, and this request was granted.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

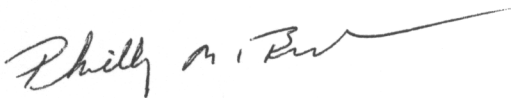
- A. The December ADM and School Food Service Accounts Payable were unanimously approved on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. Allen.

Mrs. Bradberry thanked the three members leaving the board for their service and expressed her appreciation for their contributions to the board. The other board members joined in with Mrs. Bradberry to also express their appreciation.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Michael Brock", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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