

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, SC 29625

MINUTES

March 21, 2005 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dr. Keith L. Cole, P. Michael Brock, George R. Price, Brenda Bradberry, Rev. Rufus Mitchell, David Draisen, and Millard G. Smith, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Steve Garrison, Shawn McGee, and Tom Allen

Others Present: Alison Newton, The Anderson Independent-Mail; Brantley Jordan and Ed Jean; Mary Lee Lollis, Anderson County Board of Education;

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

Approval of Agenda: Upon a motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Rev. Mitchell, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes–February 21 Meeting: Under Old Business Mr. Price requested "only" be added to fiscal authority. Rev. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. On second by Dr. Cole, the amended minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Public Comment Period from Patrons: No one wished to address the Board.

School Finance Workshop: Mr. Draisen reported on the School Finance Workshop, which was very informative.

School-based Counselors Update: Mr. Smith gave a brief report on the school-based mental health program and stated the four counselors are experiencing a large work load with one hundred sixty-one (161) students currently being served. Mr. Price said this was a very important service to the students of Anderson County and asked about funding revenues. After a brief discuss, Mr. Price made a motion for Mr. Smith to contact the four school districts regarding their plans for mental health counselors for next school year. On second by Mr. Draisen, Mr. Smith was unanimously instructed to contact the school districts.

Financial:

A. YTD Revenue from Local Taxes versus Budget as of February 28, 2005—this report was received as information.

B. House Version of Appropriations Bill—Mr. Smith reported the base student cost is currently in the budget for \$2,290 but the actual amount will probably be lower. The EFA is projected at District One, 77% state and 23% local; District Two, 81% state and 19% local; District Three, 81% state and 19% local; District Four, 59% state and 41% local; District Five, 73% state and 27% local. Discussion followed that included the impact of Fee-In-Lieu-Of and index of taxpaying ability on the local requirements especially in School District Four.

Alternative School—in the absence of Mr. McGee, Mr. Smith reviewed the revenue and expenditures for the month of February and also the pupil activity checking account for February.

Budget Committee: As chairman of the Budget Committee, Dr. Cole scheduled a committee meeting for April 14 at 5:00 p.m. and invited all the board members to attend.

Supplemental Budget Information from Districts: The request to the school districts for supplemental budget information was reviewed. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Bradberry made a motion to underline Items 3 and 4 for emphasis. On second by Mr. Draisen, the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business: Mr. Smith announced the signs have been erected for both Belton-Honea Path High School and Pendleton High School. Mr. Price said the signs look great. Both Mr. Price and Mr. Brock thanked Mr. Smith for his accomplishment in getting the signs through the SC Department of Transportation.

New Business: On motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. Draisen, the March ADM and SFS accounts payable were approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda D. Bradberry, Secretary, Anderson County Board of Education

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



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