

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, SC 29625

MINUTES

April 18, 2005 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Steve Garrison, Phillip M. Brock, Shawn R. McGee, George R. Price, Thomas F. Allen, David Draisen, Rev. Rufus Mitchell, and Millard G. Smith, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Dr. Keith L. Cole and Brenda D. Bradberry

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

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

Acting Secretary: In Mrs. Bradberry's absence, Mr. Brock appointed Mr. Price as acting secretary.

Approval of Agenda: On motion by Rev. Mitchell and second by Mr. Allen, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes–March 21 Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Garrison and a second by Rev. Mitchell.

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

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

Recognition of Achievement:

- A. Mr. Brock presented to the Board the art works on display in the boardroom. The art is the first, second and third place winners in kindergarten, elementary and high school divisions for 2005 Youth Art Award and will be on display during the month of May. Mr. Brock thanked the Anderson County Arts Center for allowing us to display the talents of our students.
- B. Mr. McGee announced the Crescent High School chorus won the AA State Grand Championship and made a motion to send a letter of congratulations. On second by Mr. Garrison, the motion was approved unanimously.

Budget Committee Report: Mr. McGee presented the County Board budget of \$526,849. The projected value of one mill is \$505,121 and .90 of one mill is \$454,610. The committee also recommended travel be increased from 34¢ to 36¢ a mile. This will not require a millage increase. After a brief discussion, the budget was unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Price and second by Mr. Garrison.

Financial--YTD Revenue from Local Taxes versus Budget as of March 31, 2005: This report was received as information. Homestead Exemption monies should be received in May.

Mr. Price advised the Board that after the last meeting he talked with Dr. Dobbins, School District Four Board Chairman, and Dr. Burgess, Superintendent, regarding the formula established in 1977 to determine taxpayer ability. The index of taxpayer ability is much greater in School District Four than the other four districts. As a result, a letter was sent to Senator Bryant regarding this issue. Mr. Price stated District Four taxpayers are paying the most in the county due to a high index of taxpaying ability and the reassessment. Also, since the taxpayers are helping other districts through the county equalization tax, they need help to decrease taxes in School District Four.

Alternative School: Mr. McGee reported that as of March 27 the enrollment is one hundred thirty-two (132) students with no new students accepted after April 15. As information, Mr. McGee presented a letter from the second auditor stating everything was found to be in compliance.

Budget Information Letter to All School Districts: Mr. Smith said the letter with supplemental information amended at the March meeting had been mailed to the superintendents and business managers.

Budget Workshop Dates Established: Budget workshops have been scheduled with the districts as follows: June 2, School District Five; June 9, School District Three; June 13, School District Two; June 14, School District One; June 28, School District Five. School District Four will announce a workshop date later.

Mr. Price requested that every question pertaining to the budgets be addressed before the meeting to approve the budgets.

Old Business: Mr. Price said a picture of the road sign is posted on the District Four web site. He expressed his disappointment and also District Four's disappointment that the picture had not yet been published in The Anderson Independent-Mail. He again thanked the County Board for procuring the sign.

New Business:

- A. Day at the Capital—Mr. Draisen and Rev. Mitchell attended. Mr. Draisen reported they with School District Two representatives met only with the house members as the senators were in a meeting. He said there is a good relationship with the legislature. As this is a very worthwhile meeting, he recommended as many as can attend next year.
- B. Graduates Ad—for several years the County Board has placed an advertisement in The Anderson Independent Graduates publication. This year a larger ad is proposed at a cost of \$195. Mr. Garrison asked that similar ads be placed with the other newspapers in the area especially the Powdersville Post because many residents in School District One subscribe only to The Greenville News. On motion by Mr. Price and second by Rev. Mitchell, the larger ad was approved unanimously.
- C. The ADM and SFS accounts payable were approved unanimously on motion by Mr. McGee and second by Mr. Garrison.

Executive Session: On motion by Mr. Garrison and second by Mr. Allen, the Board entered into a short executive session for a legal briefing. With no vote taken nor no action taken, the Board returned to open session on motion by Mr. Garrison and second by Mr. Draisen.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

George R. "Randy" Price, Acting Secretary, Anderson County Board of Education

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



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