

# **ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, SC 29625

## **MINUTES**

**May 16, 2005 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Keith L. Cole

**Others Present:** Alison Glass-Newton, The Anderson Independent-Mail; Randolph Dillingham, The Anderson County Alternative School, 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. Mrs. Bradberry gave the invocation.

**Approval of Agenda:** On motion by Mrs. Bradberry, the agenda was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes–April 18 Meeting:** Mr. Price questioned the accuracy of the minutes. He believed he had made a motion that did not appear in the minutes. After a brief discussion, approval of the minutes was postponed until the tape of the meeting could be reviewed. During Executive Session, the tape was reviewed and he had not made the motion. The minutes as written were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. McGee.

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

**Opportunity to Address the Board:** No one wished to address the Board.

**Recognition of Achievement:** Mr. Brock announced the selection of Jesse Price to the All State Soccer Team, Regional Player of the Year, and the North/South Soccer Game.

Mrs. Bradberry made a motion to send the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of each high school a congratulatory letter from the Board. On second by Reverend Mitchell, the motion was unanimously approved.

**EFA Information Passed in House and Senate:** Mr. Smith reported the following EFA information for FY 06 based on \$2,290 base student cost.

School District One funding at \$17,844,599.77 for an increase of \$3,691,426.51

School District Two funding at \$8,950,116.97 for an increase of \$1,890,465.40

School District Three funding at \$6,216,884.57 for an increase of \$1,302,421.14

School District Four funding at \$4,603,674.23 for an increase of \$898,133.81

School District Five funding at \$24,884,058.07 for an increase of \$5,093,677.69

Total county funding is \$62,499,333.61 versus FY 05 \$49,623,179.06 for an increase of \$12,876,154.55

**School Based Counselors:** Mr. Smith announced Partners for A Healthy Community had submitted a federal grant for counselors in School Districts One-Four with the County Board as a supporting entity. This grant would be administrated by Partners. Two years ago School District Five received a five-year grant for mental health counselors and, therefore, are not included in this grant.

During a superintendents meeting on April 25, the four school districts were receptive to aiding the cost of the program since the County Board had lost funding from Michelin and Santee Cooper. During FY 05 the districts had reimbursed \$3,500 each for the program. A brief discussion followed.

Superintendent's request concerning funding—the question arose: if the County Board had not lost the \$20,000 in grants would the County Board have supported this program. Mr. Smith was directed by the Board to reply that the Board does support mental health counselors.

**Budget Workshop Times Established:** Budget workshops have been scheduled with the districts as follows: May 31 at 6:30 p.m., School District Four; June 2 at 6:00 p.m., School District Five; June 9 at 6:30 p.m., School District Three; June 13 at 6:30 p.m., School District Two; June 14 at 7:00 p.m., School District One.

**Executive Session:** On motion by Mr. Garrison and second by Mr. Allen, the Board entered into a short executive session for a legal briefing.

**Return to Open Session:** With no vote taken nor no action taken, the Board returned to open session on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Reverend Mitchell.

Mrs. Bradberry made a motion send a letter to County Council members to inform them of the problem with Owens Corning Fiberglas' offer to pay 90% of delinquent taxes. With a second by Reverend Mitchell, the motion was unanimously approved.

**Financial:** YTD Revenue from Local Taxes versus Budget as of April 30, 2005-- This report was received as information. Homestead Exemption money has been received.

Summary of new construction--A summary of the final report of new construction from the Assessor of Anderson County was reviewed. Countywide growth in new construction is \$1,371,960 or a 9.73% increase.

**Alternative School:** Mr. McGee introduced Mr. Dillingham. He invited the board members to attend the Graduation/Awards Day, May 20, when two students will be graduating. Mrs. Bradberry asked about enrollment, and Mr. Dillingham replied the maximum number of students was one hundred thirty-two (132). A good number of these students will return to the home schools.

**Putting Parents in Charge Tax Credits:** This bill has been defeated; however, a similar bill has been proposed.

**Old Business:** Mr. Price made a motion that any questions pertaining to the budgets be addressed prior to the day of the meeting to approve the budgets. This was the motion he believed he made during April's meeting. With a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Brock announced that School District One had sold the two activity buses through auction to the Pickens YMCA.

**New Business:** The ADM and SFS accounts payable were approved unanimously on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Reverend Mitchell.

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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