

MINUTES
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson SC 29625
August 15, 2005 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Steve Garrison, Dr. Keith L. Cole, Phillip M. Brock, Shawn R. McGee, George R. Price, Thomas F. Allen, Brenda D. Bradberry, David Draisen, and Millard G. Smith, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Reverend Rufus Mitchell

Others Present: Doug Wright, Senior Solutions; Dr. Gary Burgess, Anderson School District Four; Randolph Dillingham and Virginia Cohen, Anderson County Alternative School; Brantley Jordan and Mary Lee Lollis

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

Approval of Agenda: On motion by Dr. Cole and second by Mr. Price, the agenda was approved with a seven to one vote. Mrs. Bradberry questioned what items could be discussed in an executive session and stated she thought Mr. Dillingham's addressing the Board should be done in open session.

Approval of Minutes-July 18 Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. Garrison.

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

Opportunity to Address the Board: Dr. Burgess thanked the Board for the approval of the budget for School District Four and also thanked Mr. Price for his work on the County Board. He stated his appreciation for the relationship between the Board and School District Four. After a brief overview, he distributed to the Board copies of a cd entitled "Connect with our Kids!", which was shown the first day of school.

Senior Solutions: Mr. Wright said during the past fiscal year Senior Solutions had served 160,000 meals to seniors with more than 3,000 meals a week going out. He thanked the County Board for allowing Senior Solutions to use the freezer for this worthwhile endeavor.

Executive Session: Upon motion by Dr. Cole and second by Mr. Price, the Board entered into executive session to discuss an Alternative School matter.

Return to Open Session: The information given during the executive session was taken as information. With no action taken, the Board returned to open session on motion by Mr. Draisen and second by Dr. Cole.

School District One Request: Mr. Garrison presented a request from School District One for permission to sell property know as the "potato house" located at the intersection of Midway Road and Highway 8. Due to the size, the district will never use the property. On motion by Mr. Garrison and second by Mr. Price, the request was unanimously approved.

School District Two Vacancy: Mr. Smith informed the Board that Mrs. Ervin had resigned as the trustee for School District Two, Area One. The County Board will appoint someone to complete Mrs. Ervin's term, which expires November 2006. Resumes' are due September 9.

Letter to Anderson County Auditor: Dr. Cole made a motion to give Mr. Brock authority to sign a letter to Jacky Hunter, Anderson County Auditor, certifying that the 2005 tax levy is in compliance with the laws limiting the millage rate according to the SC Code of Laws. On second by Mr. Garrison, the motion was unanimously approved.

Assessment as of August 1, 2005: This report was received as information. Mr. Garrison said the high school enrollment in School District One is already 150 over the budgeted amount.

Lottery Revenue: Mr. Smith informed the Board of an email from the State Department of Education stating the lottery revenue will not be distributed until November rather than July. This impacts K-5 and 6-8 enhancement funds.

Bids for FY 06 School Directory: Mrs. Bradberry made a motion to let bids for the school directory after investigation of the cheapest method. This could be posted to the Internet. On second by Mr. Draisen, authorization to let bids was given unanimously.

School Board Seminar: Dr. Cole thanked the Board for allowing him and Mr. Garrison to attend the School Boards Regional Conference. During the meeting with representatives from the southeast, compromise and school board groups working together was stressed. He concluded that the meeting was very informative and encouraged the other board members to attend the next conference. Mr. Garrison said he learned a lot from the funding seminars including No Child Left Behind. He added that there is no common standard because each state is different. Mr. Garrison agreed with Dr. Cole that it was a great conference.

Old Business:

- A. Legal-Mr. Smith presented a letter from Leatherwood Walker Todd and Mann, which gave a timetable for our case before the Supreme Court. Most likely a hearing for oral arguments in Columbia will be scheduled in the fall of 2006.
- B. Recoupment of legal fees-Thompson and King has advised the Board that a request for recoupment of legal fees cannot be made until after a final ruling has been received and no further appeals can be made.

New Business:

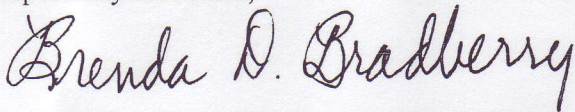
- A. A letter was read from Mrs. Lollis stating she planned to retire at the end of the year. Mr. Price made a motion to accept with regret her resignation for retirement purposes. With a second by Mr. Garrison, the resignation was unanimously accepted with a standing ovation.
- B. The ADM and SFS accounts payable were approved unanimously on motion by Mr. Draisen and second by Mr. McGee.

There was a brief period of discussion pertaining to the Alternative School during which Mr. Price made a motion and then withdrew it. Mr. Price said if there is a credibility issue it should be nipped in the bud now-not later. Mrs. Bradberry said the procedure to have checks signed however cumbersome should be adhered to. The consensus of the Board was to move forward.

Mrs. Bradberry asked Mr. Smith to inquire as to whether the School Boards Association held workshops pertaining to parliamentary procedures and executive sessions and the cost for such a workshop.

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.