

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, SC 29625

MINUTES

September 19, 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; Tim Busha, Anderson County Sheriff's Office; Dr. Paul Talmadge, Chuck Anderson, Walter Mayfield, Anderson School District Five; Randolph Dillingham, Anderson County Alternative School; Brantley Jordan; and Mary Lee Lollis and Carolyn Barnes, Anderson County Board of Education

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

Approval of Agenda: On motion by Mrs. Bradberry, the agenda was amended to add Legal Matters under Executive Session. The amended agenda was approved with Mr. Price abstaining.

Approval of Minutes–August 15 Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. McGee and second by Reverend Mitchell.

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

Opportunity to Address the Board: Mr. Anderson as a trustee from Anderson School District Five addressed the Board regarding the pending law suit. On behalf of the District Five board, he would like to see the issue settled with a compromise. Mr. Anderson offered to meet with board members for further discussion. Dr. Talmadge reiterated Mr. Anderson's comments and added that the primary concern is the school children and unity is necessary for their sakes.

Sheriff's Office–Internet: Chief Deputy Busha informed the Board that plans are underway to develop wireless access for the deputies at twelve school sites throughout the county. This would be at no cost to the schools or to the school districts. The schools could not access the sheriff's data, and the deputies could not access the schools' data. The plan would keep the deputies in their zones, enhance efficiency, save some money, and provide added security for the schools. After informing the County Board, he plans to obtain permission from the school districts to access the servers at the school sites. This was accepted as information.

School Food Service: Mrs. Barnes informed the Board that all four schools in Anderson School District Three are participating in "Breakfast in the Classroom." Due to over sixty (60%) per cent of the students receiving free or reduced lunches, the district is able to offer breakfast universally at no cost to the students. Since the program began, participation has increased 250% in the district.

Executive Session: Upon motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. Draisen, the Board entered into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Return to Open Session: With no action taken, the Board returned to open session on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Reverend Mitchell.

Personnel Committee: As the Personnel Committee chairperson, Mr. Allen made a motion to employ Pat Smith as executive secretary. The Board unanimously approved the hiring of Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Bradberry asked how would she be paid, and Mr. Garrison explained that the difference in the salaries would compensate for the dual salaries paid during training.

School District Two Vacancy: Mr. Brock made a motion that Mr. Jan Holliday fill the trustee vacancy until the general election in 2006 in School District Two. He added that Mr. Holliday had previously served as trustee in the district. With a second by Mr. McGee, Mr. Holliday was unanimously appointed as trustee for Area One of Anderson School District Two.

Operating Millage and Bond Millage—Tax Year 2005: Mr. Smith said during a meeting September 12 the Auditor wanted to use 96.5% collection rate but had to use 95% because this is the figure the Board requested the districts to use to prepare budgets. The Auditor does not set school operating millage but does set the sinking fund millage. The Auditor also wants the districts to decrease their fund balances but does not realize the money is to be used during months of no incoming monies; i.e. July and August. Mr. Price added his concern that School District Four had used money from the fund balance to purchase land for the new school. Mrs. Bradberry added that School District Two had used money from the fund balance for the renovations last year.

Open Bids for FY 06 School Directory: Bids were opened and read as follows:

Attaway, Inc.—1,360 units at \$1.48 per unit for total of \$2,012.80 or 200 units at \$2.38 per unit

Sterling Printing Company—1,360 units at \$1.25 per unit for total of \$1,700 or 200 units at \$1.50 unit

Electric City Printing Company—1,260 units at \$2.02 per unit for total of \$2,545 ±10%.

As low bidder, Sterling Printing Company was unanimously awarded the job to print the directories.

Old Business: In reference to a workshop for the Board, Mrs. Bradberry asked if information had been received. Mr. Smith

gave the cost for a workshop. This will be revisited in January. Mr. Price added his thought that if Roberts Rule of Order was followed that people could not speak and would find the meetings very intimidating.

New Business:

Mr. Garrison stated pleasure with the news articles regarding the increase in PACT test scores.

Mr. Allen said he attended a meeting of School District Five where Dr. Billy Floyd explained how to run a referendum. No tax monies can be used. Millage would be 26-30 mills. Mr. Price added that School District Four would be promoting a bond referendum. Mr. Allen added that another idea was to add a one cent (1¢) sales tax for schools, which would reduce amount requested on the referendum.

Mr. Price stated his interest in the per cent of children moving into the county—not just facts and figures. Mr. Garrison added that School District One enrollment is 239 students above last year. Mr. Price suggested a motion to send a letter requesting the projected growth in the school districts and what grades would be affected and the facility needs for the future, but decided to delay this motion until maybe January.

The ADM and SFS accounts payable were approved unanimously on motion by Mrs. Bradberry and second by Mr. Draisen.

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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