

MINUTES
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson SC 29625
January 17, 2005 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: P. Michael Brock, Thomas F. Allen, Brenda Bradberry, Dr. Keith L. Cole, George R. Price, Shawn McGee, Steve Garrison, David Draisen, Reverend Rufus Mitchell, and Millard G. Smith, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: All were present.

Others Present: Anderson School District Four personnel: Dr. Lee D'Andrea, Randy Abbot, Ms. Barbara Nesbitt, Kevin Black and Dr. Thomas Dobbins, Chairman of Anderson School District Four Board of Trustees; the mental health counselors: Lisa Wilson, Nancy Allen, and Renee' Potter; and Pat Smith, Anderson County Board of Education

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

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

Approval of Minutes-December 19 Meeting: The minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Allen and second by Rev. Mitchell. Since Brenda Bradberry was absent from the December meeting, Randy Price signed the minutes as interim secretary for the December board meeting. Ms. Bradberry called attention to an error in the December minutes which failed to list her as an absent board member. The mistake was corrected.

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

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

Reorganization:

A. Chairman: Mr. Smith asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Price nominated Shawn McGee for Chairman with a second made by Mr. Garrison. The Board members unanimously approved the nomination, and Mr. McGee accepted. Mr. Brock passed the gavel to Mr. McGee who took the floor to ask for nominations for Vice Chairman.

B. Vice Chairman: Ms. Bradberry nominated Mr. Allen for Vice Chairman. Mr. Brock seconded the nomination, and Mr. Cole moved the nominations be closed. Mr. Allen was unanimously approved for Vice Chairman and accepted the position.

C. Secretary: Mr. McGee asked for nominations for secretary, and Mr. Allen nominated Mr. Draisen with a second being made by Mr. Price. Mr. Garrison moved that the nominations be closed. The Board unanimously approved Mr. Draisen for secretary and he accepted.

Effect of Technology on Academic Achievement: Mr. Smith turned the program over to Mr. Price who introduced the Anderson School District Four personnel. Dr. Lee D'Andrea, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, gave an overview of the technology in the classroom program being used in School District Four. Randy Abbot, Director of Technology, and Ms. Barbara Nesbitt, Instructional Technology Coach, gave a very informative lecture and power point presentation explaining the success of the program for students and teachers. Dr. Thomas Dobbins, Chairman of Anderson School District Four's Board of Trustees, and Kevin Black, Principal of Riverside Middle School, supported the speakers confirming the success of the program in School District Four.

Rev. Mitchell thanked the School District Four personnel for their program, and he also thanked Mr. Price for inviting them. Dr. D'Andrea thanked the Board for allowing them to present their program.

School Based Counselors Presentations Regarding Additional Funding: Mr. Smith introduced Lisa Wilson, Renee' Potter, and Nancy Allen, school based counselors. Ms. Potter explained the progress being made toward billing medicaid. Ms. Allen informed the Board of new ideas the counselors wanted to implement within the schools such as counseling several students at one time rather than individually. Mr. Garrison suggested that the Board go forward on medicaid billing research. Ms. Bradberry asked if most children serviced by the counselors had medicaid. Ms. Wilson and the other counselors gave estimations of the percentages of children being serviced. Mr. Smith explained that medicaid has to be billed through Columbia. Mr. Draisen made a motion to move forward with medicaid billing research. Rev. Mitchell

Duke Energy Grant Received: Mr. Smith asked everyone to sign a letter to Duke Energy thanking them for their generous donation of \$300,000.00.

Executive Session: Tom Allen made the motion to enter into executive session with a second by Mr. Brock and a unanimous decision by the Board Members. Mr. Draisen made the motion to return to open session, Mr. Brock seconded, and the Board made it a unanimous decision.

Financial :

- A. Audits: Mr. Smith reported that the fund balance is \$586,938.15 and that with revenues being greater than expenditures, this is the best the County Board has ever done. The auditor for the Alternative School reported \$108,07.00 over expenditures and added to the general fund making this a good year for the Alternative School.
- B. Tax Collections: There are three big companies in the United States that do mortgage accounts and pay early. Mr. Smith will have more information later. He gave information on looking up legal fees through purchased services. Mr. Smith mentioned that School District Three asked him to attend the county council meeting on January 24 concerning Owens Corning Fiberglas.

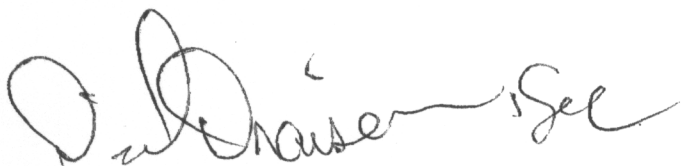
Old Business: Mr. Price asked if the Board wished to continue with highway signs for state championships. Ms. Bradberry said that signs had to be continued because a precedent had been set. According to Mr. Smith, signs have to be approved by the SC Department of Transportation. Mr. Price asked if a sign could be added for the Pendleton cross country state championship. Mr. Garrison said it should be doable.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Draisen, Secretary, Anderson County Board of Education

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Draisen Sec", written in dark ink.

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