

MINUTES
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
April 17, 2006

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Keith L. Cole, Steve Garrison, David Draisen. Mr. McGee appointed Mr. Brock acting secretary in the absence of Board Secretary, Mr. Draisen.

Others Present: Ms. Allison Glass, Dr. Paul Talmadge

Call to Order: Mr. McGee called the meeting to order. Ms. Bradberry led in the devotional. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. McGee stated that the agenda would stand as approved.

Approval of Minutes, April 17, 2006 Meeting: Ms. Bradberry pointed out that under New Business, "State Congressmen" should be changed to "State Legislators". The Board then approved the corrected minutes with a unanimous vote. Mr. McGee appointed Mr. Brock to be interim secretary in Mr. Draisen's absence.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/ Public Comment Period: Mr. McGee welcomed the visitors to the meeting. No one wished to address the Board.

Documents Received for Owens Corning Fiberglas Settlement: Mr. Smith informed the Board that Representative Townsend had signed the OCF document regarding the tax settlement of 100% of what the assessed taxes were and that Mr. Roy Herron would be signing it the next morning. He explained that the School Districts and County, mostly District Three, would be paying OCF back ten percent of the original payment. The next step would be for Tri-County Tech, County Administrator Joey Preston and County Council to complete the document. Mr. Smith said that School District Three would be using their share of the money for the expense of clearing the land for construction of the new building project. Ms. Bradberry thanked Mr. Smith for all the hard work in bringing the OCF settlement to a close.

YTD Taxes vs. Budget: Mr. Smith reported the collection rates of the School Districts and that Property Tax Relief money was received a month early. He said that Fee in Lieu of Taxes needed to be monitored because of lack of billing the businesses by the State for the taxes due.

Information for Budget Requests: Ms. Bradberry's requests for budget information, which are to be included with other requests: (See attached)

- A. School Districts should justify their budget requests by stipulating use of revenue
- B. Requests of new money and justification should be listed on separate pages from the budget
- C. List projected number of pupils for next year with a comparison of the number of pupils last year
- D. Please list your pupil/teacher ratio on all grade levels
- E. List number of School Resource Officers and cost to district for each one
- F. Total cost to School Districts for salaries and fringe benefits of School Bus Drivers, if applicable
- G. Total cost to School Districts for Superintendent's and Assistant Superintendent's salaries and fringe benefits and any projected increases
- H. Total cost to School Districts for District Office Staff salaries and any projected increases

Ms. Bradberry moved that the Board accept the proposal with additions agreed upon. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion with a request that the information be submitted from the Districts before the budget workshops were held.

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Committee Meetings Planned: Mr. Smith advised the Board that they should meet in May before the budget workshops are to be held. The dates for these meetings will be announced when a time is set to accommodate everyone's schedule.

Executive Session: Mr. McGee announced that the Board would enter executive session. Mr. Brock made the motion to enter executive session with a second by Rev. Mitchell.

Return to Open Session: Upon close of executive session, Mr. Price made the motion and Mr. McGee seconded the motion to approve the changes to the County Board Administrator's job description. The Board agreed unanimously.

Personnel Committee Report: A revised job description for Board Administrator will be considered at a later date.

Student Achievement Recognized: School District Five: (1) David Griesse, a TL Hannah senior, was named a Hollingsworth Scholar by Furman University which entitles him to a renewable scholarship of \$100,000 over a period of four years. (2) Several students participated in Odyssey of the Mind in Columbia. (3) Megan Witcher and Drew Bradshaw were nominated for the High School Heisman Award. School District Three: The Crescent Chorale performed in Williamsburg, Virginia winning the Mixed Choir Division and Overall Choral Division Trophies, and the Citizenship Award.

Loss of Former Board Member: Mr. Smith gave a glowing account of the life of former Board Member, the late Mr. Curtis Pennington. He described Mr. Pennington's dedication to the educational profession, his church and family, and his friendship with Mr. Smith personally.

School Trustees, November General Election: Filing dates were listed as: Opening on August 1st at 12 noon and closing on August 15th at 12 noon. Mr. Smith hoped that Allison Glass would print the dates in the Anderson Independent-Mail.

Old Business: Mr. Price commended the chef.

New Business:

A. Mr. Smith expressed his concern of the rising gas prices with six people who have to travel as part of their job through the County Board. A discussion of ways to cut travel and save on gas costs followed. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to allow Mr. Smith to scrutinize out of town travel and communicate with Mr. McGee on this matter. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

B. The ADM and SFS accounts payable were unanimously approved by the Board upon motion by Ms. Bradberry and second by Rev. Mitchell.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Draisen, Secretary, Anderson County Board of Education

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