

# ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

402 Bleckley Street, Anderson SC 29625

## MINUTES

May 15, 2006 7:00 p.m.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Shawn R. McGee, Dr. Keith L. Cole

**Others Present:** Dr. Paul Talmadge, Randolph Dillingham, Pat Smith

**Call to Order:** Mr. Allen called the meeting to order, in the absence of Mr. McGee. Rev. Mitchell read from the scriptures and led in prayer. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Approval of Agenda:** On motion by Mr. Garrison and second by Mr. Brock, the agenda was unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes–April 17 Meeting:** Rev. Mitchell made the motion to approve the minutes with any necessary corrections. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously. Ms. Bradberry wished to have the budget requests additions she had made at the last meeting and that had been mailed to the Districts, included as an addition with the minutes. Mr. Brock signed the minutes as appointed secretary in Mr. Draisen's absence at the April 17, 2006 meeting.

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

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

**School District Three Bonds Sold:** Mr. Smith informed the Board that School District Three had thirteen bidders up to ten million dollars of bonds with a rate of 4.3%. Mr. Allen asked if there were any comments or questions and there were none.

**Alternative School–Mr. Brock:** Mr. Brock announced that the Alternative School would be having graduation on Friday, May 19, at 9:30 A.M.. Everyone was invited to attend. Mr. Allen asked how many students were presently enrolled in the Alternative School. Mr. Dillingham replied that it was 120 students at his last count. Mr. Garrison asked how many students would be reentering in the fall. Mr. Dillingham answered that the Principals of Anderson School District Five and the Assistant Principals of the other schools make the final decisions about who will be attending the Alternative School for the next school year.

**YTD Tax Collections vs. Budget:** Mr. Smith reviewed the year to date collections compared with the budgeted amounts and listed the remaining balances. Mr. Smith advised the Board that the check from Owens Corning Fiberglas was waiting on one signature from the County Council and that the money would be released on the following Wednesday. Mr. Allen asked about the amount of money to be released, and

Mr. Smith said it would be \$818,000. Mr. Smith also asked the Board to notice that in every instance, fee in lieu of had not generated what had been budgeted for the school districts. This would affect every school district. Although Mr. Smith did not presently know the reason for the shortage, he stated he would be working on this problem. He also related to the Board that the Alternative School was having a good year, but not much money would be coming in for the Alternative School for the next three months.

**Board of Education Budget Report from Committee FY 06-07:** Mr. Draisen presented the County Board budget and explained the budget proposals being recommended by the Budget Committee. Mr. Allen asked the amount of legal fees budgeted for last year versus the amount for legal fees budgeted for the FY 06-07. Mr. Smith noted that the budget for legal fees was \$2500 in the previous years with no law suits pending. The present budget for legal fees is \$43,700 and the proposed budget for legal fees \$57,000. Ms. Bradberry commented that many school lunches could have been bought with the money spent on legal fees. She also reminded the Board that the air conditioning would have to be replaced in the future. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the budget and Rev. Mitchell seconded. The Board unanimously voted to adopt the budget.

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**Supreme Court Case:** Mr. Smith presented the letter from Richard Thompson explaining the actions in the court room during the presentation of the lawsuit. He indicated that it may be around 120 days before the results will be known.

**Filing Dates for School Trustees and County Board Members:** Mr. Allen reminded the Board that the filing dates are: Open—August 1, 2006 at 12 Noon Closing—August 15, 2006 at 12 Noon

**Budget Workshops Planned:** The workshop schedule is as follows:

THURSDAY	JUNE 1, 2006	DISTRICT FIVE	6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	JUNE 6, 2006	DISTRICT ONE	7:00 P.M.
MONDAY	JUNE 5, 2006	DISTRICT TWO	6:30 P.M.
MONDAY	JUNE 12, 2006	DISTRICT THREE	6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY	JUNE 15, 2006	DISTRICT FOUR	6:00 P.M.
MONDAY	JUNE 5, 2006	DELEGATION	6:30 P.M.

**Old Business:** Mr. Smith reported that the signs for Anderson School District Four's Cross Country Championship, and the signs for Anderson School District Three's State Wrestling Championship would be erected on the following day.

Brenda Bradberry recognized Paige Dockings, a Hannah High School Student, as the winner of the United Volunteer Youth in Action award. Mr. Draisen recognized Midway Elementary as one of four elementary schools in the state to win the Literacy Award. He noted that School District Five awarded over five million dollars in scholarships to their students this year. Mr. Allen said that Daniel High School had been recognized by Newsweek as one of the 1200 best schools in the state.

Mr. Draisen and Mr. Smith reported that the Mental Health project was still being explored.

**New Business:**

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

B. Ms. Bradberry and the other Board Members commended the secretary for her work, and Pat thanked them very much for the job. It was noted that Pat Smith's probation period ended on April 30, 2006. She is a full time employee after Board

recognition.

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.