

## MINUTES

### ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625

August 1, 2006

**Board Members Present:** Shawn R. McGee, Thomas F. Allen, Phillip M. Brock, Reverend Rufus Mitchell, Brenda D. Bradberry, Steve Garrison, George R. Price and Dr. Keith Cole

**Board Members Absent:** Millard G. Smith, Ex Officio

**Others Present:** Pat Smith, Hugh Smith, Roy Herron, Marty Watt, Danny Davis, Keith Martin, Maurice Lopez, Tracey Nettles, Dr. Gary Burgess, David Brooks, Samantha Epps and Brantley Jordan, Betty Bagley

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Bradberry wished to add an item B. under new business requesting that a letter be sent to Anderson School District Five for their reimbursement of legal fees to the County Board. On a motion by Mr. Garrison and a second by Mr. Allen, the agenda was passed unanimously as amended..

**Approval of Minutes, June 19, 2006 Meeting:** With no corrections necessary, the minutes were approved as read.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons/ Public Comment Period:** Mr. McGee welcomed the visitors to the meeting. Mr. Brooks said that the County Board had requested addition information on the projected fund balance. He stated that property taxes were running behind with \$8,000,000 less than was anticipated. They also did not receive fee in lieu of. Ms Bradberry asked if Mr. Brooks meant that they were in the red \$8,000,000. Mr. Brooks said that they were behind for the year of 2005-06. Mr. Brooks acknowledged that School District Five may need to look into a TAN for the coming year and that they may even have to ask for a second TAN.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Allen made the motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

**Budget Request for School District One:** Mr. Garrison presented the budget request from School District One for \$47,063,963. He then made a motion to approve the budget. Mr. Price seconded the motion and the Board members voted unanimously to approve with nine yea votes.

**Budget Request for School District Two:** Mr. Brock presented the budget request from School District Two for \$21,505,108. He then made a motion to approve the budget. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and the Board members voted unanimously to approve with nine yea votes.

**Budget Request for School District Three:** Mr. McGee appointed Mr. Allen chairman in his place in order for Mr. McGee to make the request for School District Three. Mr. McGee stated that he had received a letter stating that School District Three did not meet maintenance of local effort in FY 2004-05, therefore School District Three presently needed an increase of about 19 mills. Since the general fund budget can only be increased by fifteen mills, there would still be a need for nine mills.

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Mr. McGee presented the budget request from School District Three for \$15,274,041. Ms. Bradberry seconded the motion. A discussion followed. Mr. Price requested that School District Three make the Board aware of exactly what they needed and wanted to know if they were getting more than they needed. Mr. Allen questioned the allocation to School District Three of ten mills if they did not need ten mills. Mr. Herron made the comment that a lot of cuts had been made to get the request down to ten mills. Mr. Hugh Smith said that it was his understanding that School District Three was to discuss their request since the last budget meeting and to present their exact request at this meeting which was what they were doing. He informed everyone that they did not want to raise taxes ,but if they did not raise taxes the government would penalize them \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. Ms. Bradberry stated that in the past School District Three had not included frivolous things. Items that had previously been left out to keep taxes down had been included this year. The Board passed the budget request with Mr. McGee, Ms. Bradberry, Dr. Cole, Mr. Price, Mr. Brock, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Draisen, Rev. Mitchell voting yea and one nay vote by Mr. Allen.

**Budget Request for School District Four:** Mr. Price submitted the budget request from School District Four for \$20,143,772. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget with nine yea votes.

**Budget Request for School District Five:** Ms. Bradberry submitted the budget request from School District Five for\_\$78,487,614, stating that she believed this was an adequate amount. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. Mr. Draisen asked how much less Ms. Bradberry's proposal was than the original amount requested by School District Five. Mr. Draisen stated that he believed the original amount of \$78, 976, 545 was more appropriate. Mr. Price asked what percent the collection rate was based on and was told that it was based on a ninety-five % collection rate. Mr. Price also stated that this is a very important year and that he wanted to make sure the children received everything they needed. After a brief discussion, the budget was passed with Mr. McGee, Mr. Allen, Ms. Bradberry, Dr. Cole, Mr. Brock, and Mr. Garrison voting yea and Mr. Price, Mr. Draisen and Rev. Mitchell voting nay.

**New Business:**

A. Mr. Brock made the motion to pay the ADM and SFS accounts payable. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of accounts payable.

B. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to send a letter to School District Five requesting payment of the legal fees generated from the lawsuit instigated by School District Five. Mr. Price seconded the motion. All other Board members voted for the motion with the exception of Mr. Draisen who voted against.

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.