

MINUTES
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
September 18, 2006

Board Members Present: Shawn R. McGee, Thomas F. Allen, Phillip M. Brock, Reverend Rufus Mitchell, Brenda D. Bradberry, Randy Price, Steve Garrison, and David Draisen

Board Members Absent: Dr. Keith Cole

Others Present: Mike Gray, Randolph Dillingham, Dr. Paul Talmadge, Cindy Little and Pat Smith

Call to Order: Mr. McGee called the meeting to order. Mr. Garrison read from the scriptures and gave the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Bradberry moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of item B., Recognition, under New Business. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved by the Board with this addition.

Approval of Minutes, August 21, 2006 Meeting: Rev. Mitchell made the motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Allen seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/ Public Comment Period: Mr. McGee welcomed the visitors and introduced Mike Gray, who will be running for Mr. McGee's seat in District 6 in the November elections. It was noted that no newspaper representative was present. With no one wishing to address the Board, Mr. McGee asked Mr. Draisen to introduce Ms. Little.

Ms. Cindy Little—Representing the American Heart Association: Mr. Draisen introduced Ms. Little, a nurse at the An Med Center. Her goal as a representative of the American Heart Association was to make everyone aware of the importance of CPR training in the schools. Ms. Little distributed material and asked that the Board follow legislation as it progressed concerning the requirement of CPR training in our school system. Ms. Bradberry asked if there were any definite plans for training in schools. Ms. Little replied that there were in some schools in South Carolina and that the goal was to first train teachers, then have the teachers train the students. Mr. Price asked what the Board could do to help and stated that as a Board, they could only recommend to the schools that this would be a project worth looking into. Ms. Little replied that books could be bought and put in school libraries and that mannequins needed to be purchased for use in instruction. Dr. Talmadge suggested applying for a grant for the project. The Board thanked Ms. Little for coming.

Mr. Mike Brock, Anderson County Alternative School: Mr. Brock asked Mr. Dillingham, Director of the Anderson County Alternative School to address the Board. Mr. Dillingham informed the Board that five teachers had received EIA grants totaling \$12,000 this year. The

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Adjutant General had visited the Alternative School and donated uniforms and an enormous amount of men's underwear. Mr. Dillingham asked for suggestions of places they might be donated with replies of Liberty Homes with a Heart and Homes of Hope in Greenville. Ms. Bradberry asked how many students were enrolled in the Alternative School at this time. Mr. Dillingham replied that there were 70 to 75 students, with the addition of some students and the loss of some students.

Operating Millage and Bond Millage—Tax Year 2006: Mr. McGee presented the operating millage and bond millage sent from the auditor's office. Mr. Allen asked Dr. Talmadge if millage was going to go down this year to which Dr. Talmadge replied that it was not. Mr. Price asked where Mr. Hunter came up with the millage. Mr. Price said that in speaking with Maurice Lopez, School District Four did not receive all their money last year approved for the budget. He asked how they were to know if all the money had been received that had been budgeted for the districts. Mr. Price stated that he was under the assumption that if a certain amount had been approved for their budget, that amount should have been received by the district. Mr. McGee said that he would be right in his assumption if the collection rate had been correct. Ms. Bradberry said that the last time she talked to Millard Smith, he had said that according to the figures from Jacky Hunter, four mills was going to bring in the exact amount of money voted on because the revenue had increased, and it was at a 95% collection rate. Mr. Garrison recalled from the last meeting that everyone is basing on 95%. Mr. Brock reminded the Board that the total millage rate is also based on the bonds. Ms. Bradberry said that she had gotten phone calls from District Four residents who were upset because there were some bonds from District Four that were supposed to come off that did not because no one told Mr. Hunter to take them off. Ms. Bradberry suggested that the Board ask Mr. Hunter to the next meeting for a discussion. Mr. Garrison stated that Mr. Hunter works with the financial people to establish bonds. Ms. Bradberry requested information on how much millage would be in each school District added on and how much new bonds would be added.

A discussion followed with Board members figuring millage using the 2006 tax levy sent by Jacky Hunter. The Board agreed to invite Jacky Hunter to the next meeting.

Executive Session

A. Personnel Matter—Mr. Garrison made the motion to go into executive session, Mr. Allen seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Mr. Draisen made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Personnel issues were discussed, but no action was taken.

Old Business: Bids for FY 06-07 Directories: After a discussion of bids from several printing companies, Ms. Bradberry made the motion to accept the bid from Attaway Printing. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

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New Business:

A. ADM/SFS Claim There was a discussion concerning the Dell lease requesting Mr. McGee to obtain more information. Mr. Garrison noted discretion in the fringe on the claim and requested that it be corrected. Ms. Bradberry asked about the legal bill on the claim and wanted to know if that would be the end of the legal bills. Mr. McGee informed the members that the Board had been reimbursed part of the legal fees through an insurance policy. He commented that he would like a complete list of the legal fees incurred since the beginning of the lawsuit to send to Anderson School District Five for reimbursement. Mr. Brock made the motion to pay the bills and Mr. Price seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

B. Recognition: Ms. Bradberry recognized Shawn McGee for being elected President of the Banks of South Carolina at the annual convention in Florida. The Board congratulated Mr. McGee for receiving this honor.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Draisen', written in a cursive style.

David Draisen, Secretary, Anderson County Board of Education

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