

MINUTES
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
October 16, 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: Jacky Hunter and Pat Smith

Call to Order: Mr. Allen called the meeting to order in the absence at the beginning of the meeting of Mr. McGee. Rev. Mitchell read from the scriptures and gave the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Allen requested the addition of item B: Applicant, and item C: Sick Leave Days, under New Business of the agenda. Rev. Mitchell motioned to approve the agenda with these corrections. Mr. Draisen seconded the motion with the unanimous approval of the Board.

Approval of Minutes, September 18, 2006 Meeting: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the minutes with a second by Rev. Mitchell. The Board unanimously agreed.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/ Public Comment Period: Mr. Allen welcomed Jacky Hunter, the Anderson County Auditor.

Jacky Hunter, 2006 Assessments: Mr. Hunter handed out the current assessment reports for Anderson County which contained information needed to figure the value of a mill. He informed the Board that his approach has always been to make the public aware of the information the assessor's office collected. He also said that what they did in assessments was not an exact science, but the more experience you have, the more knowledge you have about what you do. Mr. Hunter explained the reports in detail concerning assessments of vehicles, real estate, and housing. Mr. Price asked Mr. Hunter to explain how the school districts were affected by the fee-in-lieu of. He stated that fee-in-lieu of can be helpful to out of state businesses wanting to come into the state but not necessarily beneficial to the state's present residents or school districts. Mr. Price stressed the point of taking care of the present businesses and residents first before fee-in-lieu of taxes were offered to incoming businesses. Mr. Allen thanked Mr. Hunter for sharing his knowledge of assessments and taxes with the Board and asked him to return to share more, especially with new members being elected in November.

Mr. Allen relinquished the gavel to Mr. McGee upon his arrival.

Introduction of New Directories: The Board members were given the new directories which were created by Ellen Davis, administrative assistant to the attendance director. The directories were printed by Attaway, Inc.

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Old Business: Ms. Bradberry requested that the administrative assistant explain the reimbursement of overpayment to Dell Financial Services. Ms. Smith told of Dell's reimbursement and that the check had arrived that morning by special delivery.

New Business:

- A.** Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay the ADM and SFS claims. Mr. Brock seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
- B.** Mr. Allen, as chairman of the personnel committee, informed the Board that they had chosen what they considered to be the five top candidates for interview on October 30, 2006.
- C.** Mr. Allen stated that the employee handbook was vague in the description of how many sick leave days to pay for a terminated employee. He believed it would be to the Board's advantage to ask Mr. Richard Thompson for advice in this matter. Mr. Garrison stated that specific guidelines should be put into the manual concerning unused sick leave days. The Board members agreed.

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.