

**MINUTES**  
**ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625  
January 16, 2007

**Board Members Present:** Brenda Bradberry, Mike Brock, David Draisen, Steve Garrison, Mike Gray, Jeff Kubu, Rev. Rufus Mitchell, Randy Price, John Sherard, and Joey Nimmer, ex officio

**Board Members Absent:** All were present.

**Others Present:** Pat Smith

**Call to Order:** Mr. Nimmer called the meeting to order. Rev. Mitchell gave the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Election of Chairman of the Board:** With no opposition the members voted by secret ballot for the 2006-07 Chairman of the Board. Ms. Bradberry asked if the majority vote would determine chairmanship to which Mr. Nimmer replied that it would. Votes were cast with Randy Price receiving the majority. Mr. Nimmer passed the gavel to Mr. Price, the new Chairman of the Anderson County Board of Education.

**Election of Board Vice Chairman and Secretary:** Mr. Garrison made the motion to continue voting with open ballot, Rev. Mitchell seconded and the Board agreed unanimously. Ms. Bradberry nominated Mr. Garrison for Vice Chairman with a second by Mr. Gray. Mr. Garrison nominated David Draisen for Vice Chairman with a second by Mr. Brock. Mr. Brock made the motion to close the nominations, Mr. Garrison seconded and the Board unanimously agreed. With a majority of the votes, Mr. Garrison was named vice chairman of the Board. Ms. Bradberry nominated David Draisen for secretary. Steve Garrison seconded the nomination. With a show of hands, the Board voted unanimously to elect David Draisen secretary.

Mr. Price suggested that in the future the secretary be the parliamentarian for the Board. Rev. Mitchell suggested that there be a parliamentarian as a position within itself. Ms. Bradberry thought that the position should not be held by anyone on the Board to insure non bias opinions. Mr. Nimmer was considered for the parliamentarian, but since he is hired by the Board, it was decided that he would not be eligible for the position. Mr. Draisen suggested that everyone get a book on Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised) and study. It was noted that the South Carolina School Boards Association would teach a class for a fee. Mr. Gray asked how formal a structure was wanted by the Board. Several of the Board members who had previously attended the SCSBA conference reported that there was usually a class on parliamentary procedure at the conferences. A motion was made in a previous month to have a conference on parliamentary procedure and executive session. It was decided that Mr. Nimmer would research prices of classes and make it an agenda item next Board meeting with his findings.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Garrison made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gray seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Approval of Minutes, December 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Ms. Bradberry moved the minutes be approved with the correction of the word “after” being replaced with the word “before” and the word “Council” inserted before “meeting” on the second page of the December 14, 2006 minutes. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes with this correction.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons/ Public Comment Period:** Mr. Price introduced Stephen Nimmer, III and welcomed him to the meeting. No one wished to address the Board.

**Financial:** Mr. Nimmer presented the findings of the yearly audits by Greene and Company for the County Board. Martin and Lennon conducted the Alternative School audit. Both were clean audits with the exception of an adjustment for delinquent payments of EIA funds from the County Board which occurred during the transition between Administrators and had since been corrected. Mr. Garrison made the motion to invite Greene and Company to attend the meeting in February to briefly explain the County Board audit. Mr. Draisen seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Ms. Bradberry asked if audits had been sent from the districts and requested a copy for the Board members from their districts. The Board members were given copies of the audits.

**YTD Taxes vs. Budgets:** Mr. Nimmer reported that the Anderson County financial directors agreed that after January 15<sup>th</sup> the funds were expected to be on or above the projected collection rate. Ms. Bradberry asked if delinquent taxes in District Four were discussed to which Mr. Nimmer replied that they were not. Mr. Nimmer asked the Board to inform him of anything he could provide for them that was not in their packets. He assured the Board that the county assessor, auditor and treasurer all seem to be in agreement that the year to date taxes is where they are supposed to be. Mr. Nimmer stated that Jacky Hunter expected 98% collection of taxes. Mr. Kubu agreed with Mr. Price that many of the terms used in explaining tax collections needed to be explained to the new members. A discussion followed with an explanation of some of the terms used and the omission of property taxes in 2008.

**Assessment Totals:** It was agreed by the Board to invite Jacky Hunter back for another informative session. The Board members present at the previous meeting at which Mr. Hunter spoke elaborated on his willingness to share his vast knowledge of taxes and finances.

**Old Business:** Mr. Price asked Mr. Nimmer to give an update on the Delegation meeting. He said that Maurice Lopez gave a fantastic presentation backed up with documentation to show

how funding has changed over the years. Most of the discussion dealt with fee in lieu. The State Legislature passed enabling legislation for the fee in lieu of as an economic development tool. They also have the authority to dictate how the money is distributed at the local level. Michael Thompson, Dan Bowen and Mike Gambrell were the delegation members present at this meeting. All superintendents were present with the exception of one who sent a representative. Mr. Price said that the bottom line is that the county has the authority to take 100% of the fee in lieu if they choose. He explained the lack of fee in lieu money for the schools last year without notification to the schools or the County Board. The law makers will have to settle the issue.

**Old Business:** Mr. Nimmer reported that the check was sent to the Estate of Millard G. Smith for the number of days the Board decided to pay for Mr. Smith's leave days. The revisions concerning payment of leave days has been applied to the employee manual.

Mr. Price brought up the committee assignments and Mr. Nimmer suggested adding this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Gray made the motion to create a mental health advisory committee. A second was made by Rev. Mitchell and the Board voted unanimously to approve. A brief explanation of the work started last year to expand the mental health program was given for the benefit of the new members. Mr. Price asked the members to choose which committee on which they preferred to serve. Mr. Price requested the bulletin board be returned to the front wall. Mr. Nimmer gave a list of the employees based at the County Board. There was a discussion of the web site and the updates recently made.

**New Business:** Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay the bills, Mr. Brock seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

Mr. Garrison: District one has vehicles they wish to sell and need the Board's permission to proceed. Ms. Bradberry made the motion the vehicles be sold, Mr. Brock seconded and the Board unanimously agreed. The Board agreed that the equipment be sold.

Ms. Bradberry made the motion that we have a drop-in from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on February 19<sup>th</sup> to introduce Mr. Nimmer to the County. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Nimmer presented the letter stating that the law suit is officially over because the time to appeal has expired. He reminded the Board members that the State ethics form had to be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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As a matter of information, Ms. Bradberry announced that District Five said their fund balance was going down \$100,000 to \$200,000 but only went down \$80,000 which is a large discrepancy.

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.