

MINUTES
ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
September 17, 2007

Board Members Present: Randy Price, David Draisen, Reverend Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Brenda Bradberry, John Sherard, Steve Garrison, Jeff Kubu and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Mike Brock

Others Present: Mr. Hugh Smith, Mr. Keith Martin, Mr. Curtis Wiles, Pat Smith

Call to Order: Mr. Price called the meeting to order. Rev. Dr. Mitchell presented the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mr. Price thanked everyone involved in making the dedication of the naming of the building for the previous administrator, Millard G. Smith, a success.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Bradberry moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Draisen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Rev. Dr. Mitchell made the motion to approve the August 20, 2007 minutes as presented. Mr. Draisen seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/ Public Comment Period: Mr. Price welcomed the visitors.

District Three Presentation: Mr. Hugh Smith, Mr. Keith Martin and Mr. Curtis Wiles presented an explanation of the dispersement of funds to schools based on the specifications of Act 388. After extensive research, they believed the money was not being divided equally per student in South Carolina. Mr. Smith asked for the County Board's support as they presented their research to others in Anderson County and representatives at the State level. A discussion followed of ways to support School District Three's proposal for equalization of dispersal of taxes. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to support School District Three's endeavor to change inequities, Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously. The representatives of School District Three thanked the Board for their support.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Nimmer and Mr. Dillingham plan to present an agenda item to the Alternative School's next Board meeting introducing a system to track and report on students who pass through the Alternative School.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer presented the following information:

- New chairs for the Board room have been located.
- Presented fact sheets of County Board employees requested by County Board chairman
- Each Board member given contact information sheet for approval or corrections
- Gave each Board member a copy of the Strom Thurmond Institute contract for review
- Distributed copies of the most recent levy sheets. Everything is within the State legal limits including School District Three. The only District that the millage went up more

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than was anticipated was in District Two because their assessment totals did not hold with projections.

Financial: Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget and Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer noted that everything is about what you would expect this time of year, 3% to 4% per entity including the Alternative School. The County Board actually rounds to 5%. Mr. Nimmer presented the assessment totals.

Old Business:

A. Ms. Bradberry wanted an explanation of who was cutting paychecks for the County Board before Paychex, Inc. was hired. Mr. Nimmer answered that the County Board was physically cutting the checks, not Greene and Co., who did make the tax payments and operated a parallel set of books, a duplication of what was being done at the County Board. Ms. Bradberry had been under the impression that the County Board only cut checks for the Alternative School payroll. Mr. Nimmer stated that payroll encompasses more than just cutting checks, including tax payments. Paychex, Inc. is now taking care of 100% of the payroll for the County Board. Mr. Garrison said outsourcing payroll removes a great deal of fiduciary responsibility for a business and that the County Board is a business. Ms. Bradberry believed that the payroll was being done by Greene and Co.

B. Mr. Kubu asked for an update on the revision of the County Board logo. Mr. Nimmer said he was waiting on a submission from Anderson School District Five to complete the entries. Mr. Nimmer reported resume's were being accepted for the Attendance Supervisor's position.

C. Mr. Gray stated the Strom Thurmond Institute study is being called The Alternative Governance Structures for School Districts in Anderson County, South Carolina rather than being called The Consolidation Study. Mr. Garrison made the motion that Ms. Bradberry be given time to review the information and make sure her questions had been addressed, Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the Board agreed unanimously.

New Business:

A. ADM and SFS Accounts Payable: Mr. Garrison made the motion to pay the bills. Ms. Bradberry seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

B. Mr. Draisen made the motion to display a picture of Millard G. Smith in the building. Ms. Bradberry seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mr. Nimmer explained that he was having a duplicate made of the resolutions from the State House and Senate similar to the one presented to Ms. Doris Smith at the dedication ceremony for display in the County Board building. Mr. Nimmer agreed to include a photograph of Mr. Smith with the copies of the resolutions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Draisen, Secretary, Anderson County Board of Education

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

