

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
July 21, 2014

Call to Order

Mr. David Draisen called the meeting to order in the Community Meeting Room at the Foothills Community Foundation and Ms. Brenda Bradberry gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present:

The following board members were present for the July 2014 meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Ms. Dana Grant, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Shawn McGee, Mr. Mike Upton, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Mr. Mike Brock was not in attendance for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes –June 16, 2014 Board Meeting

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and was seconded by Dr. Gary Burgess. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the minutes of the June 2014 Board Meeting.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period

Ms. Margaret Mack was present to address the Board on behalf of the Preserving Our Schools' History (POSH) Committee. Ms. Mack stated that the POSH committee had taken on a love project that consisted of the gathering of information on the schools in District 5 that served the black community during the segregated era. Ms. Mack stated that the information that was gathered was produced into a publication that included the schools, teachers, principals and superintendents who served the schools, and the graduates during the years of 1934 through 1970. Ms. Mack reported that all proceeds from the publication would be donated to Westside and T.L. Hanna High Schools.

Ms. Bradberry asked where the books could be purchased and Ms. Mack stated that they could be purchased through any of the POSH Committee Members.

Mr. Mike Upton moved to pass a resolution recognizing the POSH Committee for their dedication and preparation of this publication. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brenda Bradberry and with a unanimous the Board approved the resolution to recognize the POSH Committee.

Consideration of District One Budget

Mr. Mike Upton moved to approve the budget for School District One for the fiscal year FY2014-2015. Mr. Upton presented the budget in the amount \$60,687,117 of which \$26,152,718 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2013-2014 was \$57,798,143 representing an increase of 5.00% for the new fiscal year. The budget as presented meets State requirements. Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Chairman Draisen commended District One for their efficient means in which they budgeted and managed their funding.

Consideration of District Two Budget

Ms. Dana Grant presented the budget for Anderson School District Two for the fiscal year FY2014-2015 in the amount of \$25,414,982 of which \$11,087,611 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2013-2014 was \$24,007,663 representing a budget increase of 5.86% for the new fiscal year. Ms. Grant made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion. Chairman Draisen stated that 10% represented students and 12% represented local funding. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for District Two for the fiscal year FY2014-2015.

Consideration of District Three Budget

Mr. Shawn McGee presented the budget for Anderson School District Three for the fiscal year FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$17,758,864 of which \$7,531,516 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2013-2014 was \$17,069,989 representing a budget increase of 3.56% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Shawn McGee moved to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Rev. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. Chairman Draisen stated that 7% represented students and 8% represented local funding. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for District Three for the fiscal year FY2014-2015.

Consideration of District Four Budget

Prior to presenting the budget for Anderson School District Four, Dr. Gary Burgess took the opportunity to commend Dr. D'Andrea, District Four Superintendent, and Mr. Larry Young, District Four's Chief Financial Officer on their efforts in preparing the budget for FY 2014-2015. Dr. Burgess continued with the presentation of the budget for the fiscal year FY2014-2015 in the amount of \$24,563,699 of which \$15,729,171 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2013-2014 was \$23,605,893 representing a budget increase of 4.06% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Burgess made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for District Four for the fiscal year FY2014-2015. Chairman Draisen stated that 9% represented students and 14% represented local funding. Chairman Draisen commended Ms. Brenda Bradberry for asking the tough questions regarding the funding for the districts.

Consideration of District Five Budget

Ms. Brenda Bradberry stated that although she had concerns regarding the budget for District Five, she was pleased to present the budget for the fiscal year FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$96,016,838 of which \$50,015,368 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2013-2014 was \$91,823,520 representing a budget increase of 4.56% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: It should be noted that Mrs. Bradberry presented a budget figure that was \$1,000,000 less than the request from the district. Mrs. Bradberry expressed concerns as to the amount of fund balance pledged to present a balanced budget. Mrs. Bradberry intended for the amount of fund balance pledged to be reduced. She intended for the millage increase to be granted. During discussion the legality of the motion was discussed and it was determined that the millage increase would have to be denied. At this point, Mr. Upton withdrew his second in order for a new motion to be made.

Mrs. Brenda Bradberry then presented the budget for the fiscal year FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$95,977,615 of which \$48,976,145 is identified as local funding. This motion reduced the budget requested by Anderson School District Five by the anticipated revenue generated by a millage increase of 2.13%. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2013-2014 was \$91,823,520 representing a budget increase of 4.52% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 4 votes for and 4 votes against.

Following the vote, Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to approve the original budget request presented by Anderson School District Five. The budget requested for fiscal year FY 2014-2015 was in the amount of \$97,016,838 of which \$50,015,368 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2013-2014 was \$91,823,520 representing a budget increase of 5.66% for the new fiscal year. Ms. Dana Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 votes for and 2 votes against.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

There was no Alternative School Report due to summer break.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer gave an update regarding the lease on the new County Board Office space and stated that the lease had been presented to the Board's Property Committee and Board Attorney for review.

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that the budgets for the County Board and the Alternative School had been passed by the Anderson County Legislative Delegation on June 19, 2014.

Financial

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget

Mr. Nimmer stated that according to Mr. Jacky Hunter, the value of a mill had risen \$30 per mill from May 31, 2014 to June 30, 2014. Mr. Nimmer stated that there are some adjusted fee agreements pending but they should be corrected by mid-September 2014.

B. Assessment Totals – June 30, 2014

Mr. Nimmer stated that monies collected in July 2014 for the prior fiscal year should bring the budgets up to or above 100% for all entities.

Old Business

There was no old business addressed by the Board.

New Business

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Rev. Mitchell and followed by a unanimous vote.

Adjourn

Mr. Draisen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary Burgess, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.