

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
August 17, 2015

Call to Order

Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and 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 August, 2015 meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Dale Martin, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Dr. Gary Burgess, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Mike Upton, and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell were unable to attend.

Mr. David Draisen, Chairman of the Board, appointed Mr. Mike Brock to fill in as acting secretary in the absence of Dr. Burgess.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2015 Board Meeting

Dr. Gary Burgess submitted changes directly to Mr. Joey Nimmer via email earlier in the day to reflect more accurately what he said in the minutes. Those changes were made prior to the meeting and the Board members had the updated version in their packets. Ms. Bradberry asked that her question regarding the accrued taxes that would be added over the next two months also be included in the July minutes and that the spelling of Amy Heard's last name be corrected.

After assuring that these changes/corrections would be made to the July minutes, Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the July minutes were approved.

Consideration of Anderson School District 3 Bond Issue

Mr. Keith Martin attended the meeting to address any questions or concerns regarding the bond issue to be considered. Per Board policy, Anderson School District 3 requested consideration of the Bond issue in July. The Bond – not to exceed \$800,000 – will be used for three purposes: equipment acquisition; a performance contract for HVAC, lighting and infrastructure; \$100,000 in “one-time” money for emergency repairs and safety issues within the district. Mr. Martin mentioned that great care has been taken to be as cost effective as possible with the projects funded and any repurposing of assets would be used. A motion was made by Dale Martin to approve the bond issue. Ms. Brenda Bradberry provided the second followed by a unanimous vote of approval.

Administrator's Report

Joey Nimmer informed the group that Mike Upton had recently had some additional follow-up surgery. He had to attend a meeting in Columbia today and didn't feel well enough to make our meeting as well. Dana Grant is returning from a meeting in Columbia as well; Gary Burgess's sister-in-law is having surgery tomorrow and he is taking his wife to the airport to be with her sister; and Rev. Mitchell's wife had surgery today, returned home much later than expected, and did not feel comfortable leaving her alone tonight. Please keep those in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. Mr. Dale Martin also mentioned that Mr. Fred Alexander will have out-patient surgery on Thursday at St. Francis. He will also be included in our good wishes.

The check from the city has been received and deposited. The only thing we have to do is to make sure the freezer components are removed per the contract, however, most of these will go to Senior Solutions. Mr. Brock asked if the plaques will remain, Mr. Nimmer said yes, they will stay and will keep Millard Smith's name on the building as well. Ms. Bradberry asked if they will be using the building for offices or something else, Mr. Nimmer answered yes, the front will be offices for the recreation department and park maintenance supervision. The back will convert back to a true warehouse for equipment and supplies for both the park maintenance and recreation fields. Long-term they may add lockers and showers for officials to be able to host baseball and softball tournaments. The parking lot will be the start of walking trails to connect to the city parks and the building will be a great facility for years to come.

Financial

Mr. Nimmer reported the taxes year to date continue to trickle in as it normally does in the summer months. The Tier 3 money was received and booked in July but will be corrected to the prior fiscal year during the audit time. Those are actual dollars received in the current fiscal year for the prior year so the adjustments will be made as they are every year. Mr. Brock asked if that will go in their fund balance. Mr. Nimmer stated that it could go in their fund balance if there are excess dollars, and Ms. Bradberry added they might want to raise more salaries. Mr. Nimmer said the little bit of money you see is normal for this time of year, everyone is at about the same position and that this is the last Tier 3 money for the year 2014-2015.

New Business

The Alternative School will open tomorrow with enrollment between 14 and 72 students.

Ms. Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nakia Davis and was followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Draisen.

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.