

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**October 19, 2015**

**Call to Order**

Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell 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 October, 2015 meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry was unable to attend.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2015 Board Meeting**

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell. With a unanimous vote, the September minutes were approved.

**Anderson County Alternative School Report**

The September report of the Anderson County Alternative School will be included in next month's report.

**Administrator's Report**

Joey Nimmer informed the group that Ms. Brenda Bradberry fell again and was hospitalized with a neck injury. Her daughter, Denise, is caring for her. Please continue your thoughts and prayers as they are very much appreciated.

The South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation is having an open house and ceremony on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Mr. Nimmer is planning to attend as the Board representative. Mayor Terrence Roberts will give a brief speech and a luncheon will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Kim Davenport, the Board's Executive Secretary, has been approved for disability retirement after her sudden illness in January and will no longer be with us. Alicia Crawford, the intern we hired on a part-

time basis to help with some of Kim's duties, will continue as support for the Mental Health Program. Alicia is a Clemson student pursuing a career in accounting. She is doing a fine job and is a great fit for the Mental Health Counselors.

Mr. Nimmer asked the Board of Directors which date in December they would prefer to hold the holiday dinner meeting on as the scheduled date, December 21<sup>st</sup>, falls so close to Christmas. After minimal discussion, it was unanimously decided that Monday, December 14, 2015, would be the better day for everyone concerned. The December meeting will be held at Tucker's restaurant and the press will be notified.

Mr. Nimmer also talked to Mr. Tom Wilson about the vacancy on the District 5 Board of Directors due to the unexpired term of Ms. Mack who resigned due to health concerns. District 5 has been in discussion with several people who have expressed an interest in serving the remainder of her two-year term and they will have a letter of recommendation coming to us shortly. Once it is received, Mr. Nimmer will give the board members plenty of notice before the next meeting as they will be voting on the recommended candidate for approval. Dr. Burgess added that he had talked to Ms. Mack and she provided him with the name of Rev. Johnny S. Donald, Jr., the person she felt would be the best choice to take her seat. Dr. Burgess said he provided the candidate's name with Ms. Mack's recommendation to the District 5 Board. At the request of several board members, Chairman Draisen reviewed the process and explained that the normal procedure is for the school district to interview qualified candidates, and submit a letter of recommendation once they chose the candidate they feel is best suited to fill the vacancy. The Board members of the Anderson County Board of Education then vote on the recommendation at their next meeting whether or not this candidate should be accepted as a District 5 Board member.

## **Financial**

Mr. Nimmer reported that the year-to-date tax collections continue to be fairly consistent and slightly ahead of where we were last year for everyone. The exception is District Three who is higher due to monies collected and booked under a fee and lieu of taxes agreement with Santee Cooper. No other districts have booked fee and lieu collections as yet.

Assessment totals – the value of a mil county-wide grew about \$1,000 from August to September. This is a combination of growth being booked prior to the tax bills being generated and automobile sales so part of this is real property growth and part is auto sales. It is good to see this trend continue as we move through the year.

## **New Business**

Mr. Martin made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. 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.