

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
September 21, 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, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry and Ms. Dana Grant were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda

Rev. Dr. Mitchell 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 – August 17, 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 August minutes were approved.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

Mr. Brock handed the monthly report from the Anderson County Alternative School to the Board members. Currently they have 26 middle school students and 29 high school students for a total enrollment of 55 students.

Administrator's Report

Joey Nimmer informed the group that Ms. Brenda Bradberry continues to suffer with shoulder pain even with continued therapy. The doctor has told her to expect a minimum of nine months recovery to one year. If things do not improve, she have to live with the pain. He asked that we keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Dana Grant is out with pink eye and will follow up with her doctor tomorrow.

Mr. Draisen asked if there was any news on Ms. Mack's resignation from Anderson County District Five and finding a replacement. Mr. Nimmer said he only knew she had decided to step down for health reasons but will be happy to check with the District 5 office for her address inquire as to whether she would like visitors. He said normally the District Office sends a letter to the Board with a recommendation for our consideration for a replacement of her expired term.

Financial

Mr. Nimmer reported everyone is near or where they are supposed to be. District Three is slightly higher due to the Santee Cooper Agreement they have with reimbursement that comes to them that has the classification of fee and lieu \$147,505 in this category that nobody else has. Everyone else is in the 4.5 to 5 percent range.

Assessment totals – there will be some growth posted in September and October for the prior year in order to generate the tax bills, but the growth will be minimal because most of it will be offset by some reductions due to incentives built into inducement agreements the county has passed over the last year. Looking at an approximate 3 million dollar increase in value county-wide which is about \$30 per mil based on the preliminary numbers. I will know more after Jackie Hunter reconciles the final numbers. There has been growth, however, most has been mitigated by some inducement agreements that have been given that will reduce these values downward.

New Business

Dr. Burgess asked how the collections on the penny sales tax are going. Mr. Nimmer said for the first three months there has been \$4,551,784.56 collected countywide. Of that, \$910,356.91 was the 20% off the top for property relief that has been posted to the district sinking funds. Those dollars will be used to lower the millage rate on the upcoming tax bills. We are a little ahead and now know that we will get the payments monthly not quarterly. The remaining \$3,641,427.65 is in the 80 percent area. For Districts 3, 4, and 5 a large amount is earmarked for the Career Center. For Districts 1 and 2 it will be used for projects in their districts. Dr. Burgess asked about the projected revenue for the life of the sales tax and Mr. Nimmer answered it was a projection based on the 2013 collections and was about 14 million a year for those 15 years. We are a little ahead of that projection, however, we still have the lean months during the first quarter when fewer taxes are collected. For the rest of the year, it should be strong. This is from March 4, 2015, the first day by statute this tax could be collect so we have averaged a little over a million a month. Mr. Draisen thinks the collections will be the strongest during September, October, November and December and the other board members agreed. Mr. Upton asked if the penny sales tax will be collected during the tax-free weekend and Mr. Nimmer answered no, it will not be collected during that time and it is not collected on groceries.

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