

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
April 16, 2018

Call to Order: Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell gave the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Board Members Absent: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Ms. Dana Grant, and Mr. Mike Upton.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Gary Burgess made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion and the Board members agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting. Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board approved the minutes unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/Public Comment Period: No one from the media or public was present for public comment.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Nimmer referenced the report included in the board packets and told the Board members, that due to Spring Break, we did not have the report in time to mail out prior to the meeting. The current enrollment is up from the previous month although a little behind from where they were a year ago. Some of that has to do with demand and whether spots are available. There is still a waiting list for admission. On the back page you will see where the students have gone and this will be a part of the report from now on. Some students have left due to truancy, some have gone back to their home school, some for violations and/or in the custody of DJJ, and a few back to New Foundations Home.

Administrator's Report:

Ms. Brenda Bradberry is not here due to a reaction brought on from a change in her medication. Her doctors have since adjusted the dosage and hopefully she will be feeling better soon.

Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Andrea Draisen, and I attended The Two Days at the Capital last week. We had a good visit with some members of our legislative delegation. We also had a very brief update on educational legislation that is continually ongoing even though the session is now wrapping up. That afternoon a forum was held and we were able to hear from three gubernatorial candidates: Marguerite Willis, James Smith, and Yancey McGill.

Mr. Draisen added they did broch the subject of raising the mil rate in order for the Anderson County Board of Education to provide SRO's for all the schools in the five districts of Anderson County in the case that no funding is approved by the House and Senate. The delegates they talked to were open to that. Mr. Nimmer added there is still the challenge, even with the resources, of having enough qualified officers to hire. Funding would also have to be recurring and sustainable.

The deadline to file for the November 6th general election will be August 15, 2018. Generally, filing opens on August 1st for all non-partisan elections and you will be updated as the local calendar is confirmed. State law says filing must conclude on August 15th at noon. The seats open in 2018 are Seat 1 – Dr. Burgess; Seat 3 – Coach Martin; Seat 4 - Dana Grant; Seat 5 - Mike Brock; and Seat 6 Nakia Davis.

Next, Mr. Nimmer asked the Board members to let him know their availability during the month of June in order to begin scheduling the school's budget meetings. He will try to have multiple work-shops during the day to save time as done in the past. Please look at your calendars and let him know your availability within the next few days.

Lastly, Mr. Nimmer shared a newspaper article with everyone featuring Riley Davis, Nakia's daughter. We are all very pleased and proud for both of them!

Financial:

- A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer referenced the information in the packet showing tax collection year to date vs. budget which is all local revenue even those that come through the state. You will notice the collection percentages are still very similar. At this point, District Four is a bit ahead because they derive more of their local funding from property taxes and, because of the tax base there, they get less in state dollars. All of the other districts are remarkably similar within 2 or 3 percentages from each other as well as ahead of where we were last year at this time.
- B. Assessment Totals:** The green sheet can be flipped over in order to look at the value of a mil county-wide. It is unchanged from last month so most of the appeals should have been handled by now. It looks like we will settle in around with \$772,000 as the value of a mil county-wide. That is prior to an adjustment resulting from Act 388.
- C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Since the inception of the program, the sales tax collection shows we are just under \$65,000,000.00. It remains a strong collection and is well over estimates. Keep in mind, this is a consumption based tax and as the economy fluctuates, so will the tax.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business:

- A. ADM Accounts Payable**
- B. SFS Accounts Payable**

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to pay both bills, seconded by Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell. The Board unanimously approved.

Adjourn: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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.