

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
December 18, 2017

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

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis participated by phone, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Board Members Absent: Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin, Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell, and Mr. Mike Upton,

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Brenda Bradberry made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Mike Brock seconded the motion and the Board members agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting. Mr. David Draisen 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 reminded the Board the Alternative School report will be included in the mail out going forward. By the next meeting, the first semester should be over and we'll have the updated report showing where the students are going when they leave the school, if there are any. Enrollment is continuing to grow and is currently at 88 students while last year at this time enrollment was at 86 and last month was 86.

Dr. Gary Burgess thanked Mr. Mike Brock for inviting him to attend the meeting to discuss the final recommendation from the assessment and review of the Alternative School completed in May. He reported that it was a good meeting and he enjoyed talking to Mr. Dillingham, staff members, and the students that attended. Dr. Burgess handed a copy of the final report to the Board members. Overall the report was very positive with the only recommendation made after the assessment and review was completed was to consider a name change. After discussion and consideration, it was decided to leave the name as is.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board members that The South Carolina Annual Meeting for 2018 will be held from February 15th to February 18th at the Hilton Head Marriott. Mr. Nimmer said he has blocked rooms for all board members. If you can't go, please let him know so he can release the room held in your name.

Finally, Mr. Nimmer wished that everyone have a wonderful, safe, happy holiday season as we so often get so wrapped up in the running around that we forget the reason for the season.

Financial:

- A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer said during the month of November we began to see an increase in tax collections and everyone is right where they should be. December looks to be even better, we are steadily depositing tax money, and are only at the half way point. This will continue through mid-January when the first penalty date hits. The State Revenue was a little later than normal with some of the big money but now everyone has it and it was deposited in December.

- B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer explained that the green sheets are missing again this month. Mr. Nimmer met with the auditor earlier this week, he explained that the numbers are still incorrect. The green sheets are showing an overstated value for assessments across all districts and counties. They have determined the problems occurred when they merged the new information into the system when all of the transfers took place in 2017, wiping out the homestead exemptions and some of the other values that normally are backed out of these reports. It is showing assessed values at about \$25,000 per mil or \$25,000,000 across the county more than it should be. They are diligently working on correcting this as soon as possible. From a tax payer's standpoint, all is well. It is just the report that is wrong.

- C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Collection of sales tax is now just under \$57,000,000.00 since the inception.

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 Ms. Brenda Bradberry. The Board unanimously approved.

Mr. Nimmer let the Board members know that the next board meeting falls on Martin Luther King Day and traditionally the Board has moved the meeting to the following day. Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to move next meeting to Tuesday, January 16, 2018 and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded it. It was 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.