

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
February 19, 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, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, 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: Mr. Mike Upton and Ms. Dana Grant.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Brenda Bradberry made the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and the Board members agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting. Rev. 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 then realized the information that the Alternative School sent was actually from January. Must have been an oversight and he will simply go over February's information at the next meeting.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer said in their package there is a list of surplus items from Anderson School District Five that they would like to auction. The March 10th auction date was chosen by the availability of the auctioneer and they would like to have approval to liquidate the items. Ms. Bradberry asked for the name of the auctioneer which Mr. Nimmer will request. Wes Grant would be happy to provide a listing of proceeds as they did before. The Board members agreed to make a decision now since they will not be meeting again prior to the March 10th date. Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the liquidation and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded. The Board members agreed unanimously.

Several of the board members went to The South Carolina School Board's Annual Meeting for 2018 from February 15th to February 18th at the Hilton Head Marriott. Mr. Nimmer said some of the breakout sessions were more district operational than in the recent past, however, the key note programs were very good. We have a very strong teacher of the year and a nationally recognized principal of the year. Mr. Draisen also mentioned that Dr. Lee D'Andrea did an excellent job explaining the Clemson program that takes new teachers after graduation and places them with a mentor for an additional year. This program has three objectives: better preparation for teachers, professional development of mentor teachers, and young teachers stay on the job longer because they're better prepared. Clemson University has been working on ways to address South Carolina's teacher shortage, which was described as "almost a crisis situation". Under the program, students will spend one year in the classroom with a mentor teacher in one of seven participating Upstate districts. They also will earn their

required Master's degree during that time. Eventually, they would like to expand the program to other school districts and open it to students from other state universities. So far, the participating districts include Anderson One, Anderson Three, Anderson Four, Anderson Five, Greenville, Oconee and Pickens Counties. This provides new teachers with more hands on experience which helps retain them longer

The Two Days at the Capital is coming up. We have been given Thursday, April 12, 2018 with registration beginning at 9:00 am. If anyone would like to go, please let Mr. Nimmer know.

Mr. Martin is planning to attend the March 19th meeting to discuss the audit and Mr. Nimmer will distribute the report to the Board members before then.

Lastly, Mr. Nimmer mentioned the State's budget is up for debate later this week or early next just in case anyone is interested in following this.

Financial:

- A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer said tax collections are strong as they normally are at this time of year. We were getting good collections in during December and everything finished up strong in January. Everyone is about 3 to 5 percent ahead of where they were last year in terms of local revenue. Collection rates are right in line with where they have been over the last year.
- B. Assessment Totals:** As discussed last month, we anticipated some change based on the number of appeals coming in after the reassessments were completed. The value of a mil county-wide previously was \$778,000 and now for January it is \$774,000 due to adjustments after appeals. It is surprising they haven't dropped even more which shows things continue to be strong.
- C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** The sales tax collected county-wide through the month of January, 2018 is \$60,787,413.66 and that is not quiet three years so we are significantly ahead of projections. As a reminder, 20% goes toward retiring debt and 80% can be used for projects.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business:

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

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to pay both bills, seconded by Rev. Dr. 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.