

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
January 17, 2017

Call to Order

Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Dr. Gary Burgess 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 January, 2017 meeting: Dr. Gary Burgess, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Mr. Nakia Davis was unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2017

Dr. Gary Burgess nominated Mr. David Draisen to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year 2017, seconded by Ms. Brenda Bradberry. Ms. Bradberry made a motion to close the nominations. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell nominated Ms. Brenda Bradberry to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board, seconded by Mr. Mike Upton. Dr. Burgess made a motion to close the nominations. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitched nominated Dr. Gary Burgess to serve as Secretary for the calendar year 2017, Ms. Bradberry seconded the nomination. Mr. Mike Upton moved to close the nominations. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2016 Board Meeting

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes providing the given corrections are made. Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the December minutes were approved.

Consideration of Recommendation by Anderson School District Two

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell made a motion to consider the recommendation by Anderson School District Two to appoint Mr. Maxie O. Agnew as the new member of their board following the death of Mr. Danny Hawkins. Mr. Mike Brock seconded the motion.

Mr. Nimmer stated that the District Two board members interviewed and vetted several good candidates. After careful consideration, they voted at their last meeting to recommend Mr. Maxie O. Agnew, Sr. to serve as a board member. Mr. Brock and Rev. Mitchell know Mr. Agnew personally and are in favor of their choice. After a brief discussion, the County Board approved District Two's recommendation unanimously.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

Mr. Nimmer reported that last year at this time 91 students were enrolled and currently we have 98 enrolled. This has been the trend over the years with enrollment growing as the school year progresses.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer reported that the presentation of the approved resolution to recognize heroic efforts of, administrators, faculty, and staff of Anderson County School District Four, particularly Townville Elementary School, during the tragic shooting last year was postponed. Due to a scheduling conflict, they were not able to attend the meeting tonight. We will present the framed resolution to them during the meeting in February.

Much like we have recently handled for School District Two, we now have to do the same for School District One following the death of Mr. Fred Alexander. Their board will be sending in a recommendation after looking at many potential candidates very soon.

This year, the Statement of Economic Interest is due on March 30, 2017. Mr. Nimmer will be happy to assist anyone that needs help getting this done on time to avoid any penalties.

As a final reminder, Mr. Nimmer told everyone they have a room reserved on site at the Hilton Head Marriott for the South Carolina School Board Conference being held on February 16 - 19, 2017. If you will not be attending, please let Mr. Nimmer know as soon as possible so the room can be released for someone else to use.

Lastly, Chairman David Draisen presented Mr. Mike Upton an achievement award from the South Carolina School Boards Association for achieving Level II. He was congratulated by the other board members. Dr. Gary Burgess and Mr. Dale Martin received their achievement awards last month during the December meeting.

Financial

Tax Collections: Collections year to date are ratcheting up as they normally due this time of year through the end of December. We are slightly ahead of where we were last year across the board, it probably averages a little less than one percent but we are moving in the right direction. Since we billed a little later this year, this would indicate we are seeing the benefit of some growth in assessed value.

Dr. Burgess asked about the penny sales tax collections and Mr. Nimmer said it has leveled off some but still doing well above the 2013 calendar year projections. We finished the first 18 months of collections and it is still averaging between 18 - 24 percent per month ahead of projections.

Assessment totals: Last month's report shows the growth for 2016 has been posted. We are pretty steady as appeals of those assessed values have been handled with only a slight decrease in the cumulative value over the county. We will continue to see the appeals processed through January as the final payment date prior to penalty is January 15TH.

Old Business

Chairman David Draisen asked about the old building. Mr. Nimmer reported that the new owners would be hanging the plague up tomorrow on the front of the building. The board members were pleased.

New Business

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell 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.