

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621  
January 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, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. Nakia Davis.

**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.

**Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2018:** Ms. Brenda Bradberry nominated Mr. David Draisen to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year 2018, seconded by Mr. Dale Martin. 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. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell nominated Dr. Gary Burgess to serve as Secretary for the calendar year 2018, Ms. Dana Grant seconded the nomination. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 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 in the packets from the Alternative School and welcomed Mr. Dillingham who went on to give the Alternative School report. Mr. Dillingham report enrollment is where it normally is at this time of year with some middle school vacancies and some high school students on a waiting list. Ms. Bradberry asked if they usually have students on a waiting list. Mr. Dillingham answered it is not uncommon, however, high school being full this early is unusual. He said normally it is no longer than a two week wait. Currently there are 22 students that qualify for special education services which is a bit high. Mr. Dillingham also briefly discussed the independent evaluation conducted at the Alternative School and the fact it was positive. There are no plans at this time to change the mission of the school or the name.

**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 heard back from some members that will be attending but needs confirmations from all members by the end of this week.

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that the annual audit has been resubmitted due to a minor glitch effecting the Alternative School and Anderson County Board of Education audit submittals. Several Board members expressed frustration and would like to have the books ahead of the meeting for review. Mr. Martin has figured out the problem and will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the audit in more detail.

**Financial:**

- A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer said taxes through the end of December have been running three to four percent ahead of last year at this time. All of the collections are fairly consistent with District Three lagging a little behind where they were last year. Some of that has been made up by their fee in lieu collections being almost completed. Some of the districts have not collected any fee in lieu yet but that is based on each individual agreement. All fee agreements should be collected by the end of the first quarter of 2018.
- B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer explained that the green sheets show payments are coming in at a higher rate because we are seeing growth due to reassessments and in commercial property across the county. We are looking at the value county-wide of a mil at about \$778,000.00 which is an increase in growth of about \$20,000.00 per mil from what we were prior to the reassessment being applied. This is the report that I previously mentioned had problems but is now accurate and up to date. The figures will continue to be adjusted as property owners appeal the values.
- C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Collection of the sales tax county-wide through the month of December was just under \$59,000,000.00 since its inception. 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 Dr. Gary Burgess. The Board unanimously approved.

**Proposed Meeting Schedule:**

**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.