

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621  
January 22, 2019

**Call to Order:** Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order and Dr. Gary Burgess presented 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. Jim Hening, Mr. Mike Upton, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

**Board Members Absent:** Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. John Martin and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell.

**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.

**Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2019:** Dr. Gary Burgess nominated Mr. David Draisen to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year 2019, seconded by Mr. Mike Upton. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Mr. Mike Brock nominated Mr. Mike Upton to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board, seconded by Dr. Gary Burgess. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Mr. Mike Upton nominated Dr. Gary Burgess to serve as Secretary for the calendar year 2019, Mr. David Draisen seconded the nomination. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Nakia Davis made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting. Dr. Gary Burgess 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 started by referencing the report in their packet that shows the current enrollment compared to last year and last month. On the back of that page, it shows where the students have gone after leaving the Alternative School. The current enrollment as of January 4th was 97 students and last month it was 102. Last year there were 94 students at this time. Mr. Nimmer said that Mr. Dillingham is here tonight and he will be happy to answer any questions the Board may have. Mr. Dillingham began by saying he felt the current enrollment was back up over 100 again. Mr. Nimmer explained we mail out the meeting information a week before the meeting and the numbers are subject to change especially at this time of year.

Mr. Mike Brock expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing him to be their representative on the Alternative School's Board for the past 10+ years. At this time, however, he would like someone else to take over these duties. Mr. Brock then nominated and made a motion for Dr. Gary Burgess to fill this post. Mr. Brock felt he would do an excellent job. After a brief discussion, Dr. Burgess agreed to be the appointed representative. Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion and the board approved the nomination unanimously. The Alternative School Board meets every other month with the next meeting scheduled on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Nimmer stated the possible withdrawal of one of the districts from the Alternative School has been addressed. It was agreed that a Memorandum of Agreement would be drawn up annually no later than the first of February. In your packet you will find that Annual Memorandum of Agreement for the 2019-20 school year. It is very similar to the agreement the school has been operating under since the early 2000's. There are a couple of clarifications such as Item 5C and 5D which deal with the funding coming from the districts to the school. 5C deals with the reimbursement of the average daily membership under the Education Finance Act which we have been doing since the school began. Then item 5D was added to clarify and specify that a portion of the EAA at Risk Funds would be coming from each district. This has been going on since the Alternative School grant was originally funded which Mr. Nimmer estimated was some time in 1999. Item 8 is the Memorandum of Agreement will be in effect for one year and then each school year there will be a new Memorandum of Agreement signed showing all the districts are in agreement. Mr. Dillingham added that District One has agreed to take over the infrastructure, planning, and implementation of the technology part and District Three has asked to do the food service. These were two big issues and Mr. Dillingham feels this will work out very well.

Mr. David Draisen thanked Mr. Mike Brock for doing a great job representing the Board of Education at the Alternative School for so many years. He also asked the Board members to take a moment to remember long-time board member, Mr. Dale Martin, who died recently and will be sorely missed.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Nimmer told the Board that Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell had been hospitalized over the weekend with some breathing issues. He is home resting and on the mend, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

In the back of your folder, there is an updated contact list of County Board members. The new list contains information for Mr. Jim Haning and Mr. John Martin.

Lastly, the Annual Convention of the South Carolina School Board's Association will be held from February 20 through February 24 at the Marriott Resort in Hilton Head. Mr. Nimmer thinks he has the names of those planning to attend, however, if there is anyone not on the list, please let him know. He will be finalizing the attendee list tomorrow morning.

### **Financial:**

**A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer asked the board to notice the uptick in Ad Valorem tax collections during the month of December. He stated that we are slightly ahead of where we were at this point last year in terms of collection rate which is a good trend. That has been the case so far this fiscal year, which takes into account the adjusted budget, so the districts are even a little ahead of that. We are a bit behind because we invoiced for reimbursement from the districts but have not collected on that yet. These funds should be received by the end of January and will be reflected in next month's report.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer referenced the green sheets with the tax assessment totals. We have held steady just increasing a slight amount or a couple hundred per mil. That is a good thing because a lot of appeals have been handled and we are still maintaining the value of a mil at \$792,000. The growth has now been booked and any appeals should have been handed as the tax penalty date was January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Since the inception of the penny sales tax, we have collected \$83,073,607.69. Those collections continue to be well ahead of predictions.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business:**

**A. ADM Accounts Payable**

**B. SFS Accounts Payable**

Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to pay both bills, seconded by Mr. Mike Brock. The Board unanimously approved.

**C. Schedule of County Board Meetings for 2019**

Mr. Nimmer asked the Board Members to look at the 2019 calendar year meeting schedule provided in their packets. He let the members know that the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting falls during this year's Spring Break. After a brief discussion on potential vacation plans amongst the group and a potential problem making a quorum, Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to postpone the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to the following week on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Award Presentation:** Mr. David Draisen proudly presented Mr. Mike Brock with an award for 30 years of service on the School Board Association. This is quite an honor and the Anderson County Board of Education Board Members gave Mr. Brock a thunderous applause and their utmost appreciation. Mr. Brock said he has seen a lot of people come and go through the years and he hopes he has helped people along the way. Many Board members assured him he has!

**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.