

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

Call to Order

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

Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Mike Upton were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2017 Board Meeting

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell made a motion to approve the June 2017 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Dale Martin. With a unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

Consideration of District One Budget

Mr. Joey Nimmer presented the budget for Mr. Dale Martin for Anderson School District One for the fiscal year FY2017-2018 in the amount of \$70,967,140 of which \$28,691,726 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2016-2017 was \$66,180,471 representing a budget increase of 7.2 percent for the new fiscal year. Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2017-2018 for District One.

Consideration of District Two Budget

Mr. Mike Brock presented the budget for Anderson School District Two for the fiscal year FY2017-2018 in the amount of \$28,908,832 of which \$12,007,381 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2016-2017 was \$27,674,019 representing a budget increase of 4.5 percent for the new fiscal year. Mr. Brock made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2017-2018 for District Two.

Consideration of District Three Budget

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell presented the budget for Anderson School District Three for the fiscal year FY2017-2018 in the amount of \$20,402,335 of which \$8,131,893 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2016-2017 was \$19,430,065 representing a budget increase of 5.0 percent for the new fiscal year. Rev. Mitchell made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2017-2018 for District Three.

Consideration of District Four Budget

Dr. Gary Burgess presented the budget for Anderson School District Four for the fiscal year FY2017-2018 in the amount of \$28,016,931 of which \$17,113,492 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2016-2017 was \$26,604,143 representing a budget increase of 5.31 percent for the new fiscal year. Dr. Burgess made a motion that we approve this budget request that meets State requirements and Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded it. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2017-2018 for District Four.

Consideration of District Five Budget

Ms. Brenda Bradberry presented the budget for Anderson School District Five for the fiscal year FY2017-2018 in the amount of \$106,595,474 of which \$54,979,167 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2016-2017 was \$101,717,576 representing a budget increase of 4.8 percent for the new fiscal year. Ms. Bradberry made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2017-2018 for District Five.

Chairman Draisen thanked all five districts for the hard work they do each year. It is not an easy task to put budgets of this size together and he appreciates their efforts to keep costs down.

Consideration of Anderson School District Four Bond Issue

Ms. Cristy Jablonski, Director of Finance, presented information to the board members requesting their approval of the bond issue which has already been approved by the District Four Board of Trustees. The South Carolina Association of Government Organizations (SCAGO) is a program that our district have used for several years now. We are requesting to borrow 2.75 million for the 2017-18 fiscal year. There are three items that we would use the funds on. There is an annual payment in the amount of \$332,000 for a project we did last summer at Pendleton High School. That is the annual payment on 9.7 million for the HVAC project. A payment of \$519,000 is also due on our QUSAC Grant which is from the 3 million we borrowed in 2010. The remainder of the 2.75 million would be used on safety, maintenance, instructional supplies, roofing, heat and air renovations, as well as some security issues we would like to address. So that is what we would request using the 1.8 million for.

Ms. Bradberry asked if this request was a result of the referendum not passing after the vote. Dr. Joanne Avery, District Superintendent, answered that it is a result of two things. The referendum that didn't pass and an immediate need with roofing repairs and HVAC needs at four schools. And, after the shooting at Townville, there have been many additional expenses and security issues we must address. The Townville SRO for this past year was funded with a grant and now we have to pay for that ourselves. We are asking for two additional SROs as part of our budget that will split between LaFrance, Lebanon, and Pendleton Elementary. Next year we hope to get the last SRO which will allow the district to provide full security at every school.

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the bond issue for District Four was approved.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer said he received word from Wes Grant regarding the sale District Five had in June to liquidate the materials at Lakeside Middle School after all other schools took what they could use. As you recall, Mr. Grant attended our meeting a couple months ago to explain the sale and, at that time, told us he would provide information on the final outcome. As promised, he wanted to let the board know the sale generated \$52,622.50 in total sales.

We are now well into the implementation of the Sales and Use Tax for Education in Anderson County and have taken in \$47,559,987 since its inception. Going forward, you will have a report that I developed included in your packages showing the cumulative total and breakdown by number for the districts.

Lastly, Mr. Nimmer announced the South Carolina School Board's Association will be holding an advocacy meeting in Anderson County at Belton-Honea Path High School on Wednesday, September 13th. They will begin with registration and a meal at 5:15 pm and should end about 7:30 pm. The School Board's Association is holding these meetings across the state and we are hosting Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens at BHP. This will help the School Board develop their legislative agenda for the coming year. It is called "Stand Up For Schools" and deals with legislative issues and concerns affecting public education. I will be attending; please let me know if you would like to as soon as possible so I can take care of your registration.

Financial

Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: As was mentioned last month, everyone has been remarkably consistent throughout the year remaining above the 100% budgeted revenue including the Alternative School and County Board. We will continue to book delinquent taxes for the months of July and August which may cause a slight adjustment.

Assessment Totals: As we discussed over the last 16 to 18 months, our assessment totals county wide have been very consistent. We are looking at the value of a mil being \$729,107 at the end of June and that has stayed fairly flat for the year. Again, this is a reassessment year so these numbers will be changing at the end of the year once the assessments are complete.

New Business

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