

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
July 23, 2018

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 July, 2017 meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Mike Upton and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes – June 18, 2017 Board Meeting

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the June 2018 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Mike Brock. With a unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

Consideration of District One Budget

Mr. Mike Upton presented the budget for Anderson School District One for the fiscal year FY2018-2019 in the amount of \$75,072,271 of which \$30,118,801 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2017-2018 was \$71,145,357 representing a budget increase of 5.52 percent for the new fiscal year. Mr. Mike Upton 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 FY2018-2019 for District One.

Consideration of District Two Budget

Mr. Mike Brock presented the budget for Anderson School District Two for the fiscal year FY2018-2019 in the amount of \$29,735,247 of which \$12,471,104 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2017-2018 was \$29,089,832 representing a budget increase of 2.22 percent for the new fiscal year. Mr. Mike Brock made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2018-2019 for District Two.

Consideration of District Three Budget

Mr. Nakia Davis presented the budget for Anderson School District Three for the fiscal year FY2018-2019 in the amount of \$20,799,850 of which \$8,380,000 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2017-2018 was \$20,438,611 representing a budget increase of 1.77 percent for the new fiscal year. Mr. Nakia Davis made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2018-2019 for District Three.

Consideration of District Four Budget

Dr. Gary Burgess presented the budget for Anderson School District Four for the fiscal year FY2018-2019 in the amount of \$29,115,742 of which \$17,888,940 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2017-2018 was \$28,016,931 representing a budget increase of 3.92 percent for the new fiscal year. Dr. Burgess made a motion that we approve this budget request that meets State requirements and Mr. Nakia Davis seconded it. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2018-2019 for District Four.

Consideration of District Five Budget

Mr. David Draisen presented the budget for Anderson School District Five for the fiscal year FY2018-2019 in the amount of \$112,975,200 of which \$56,001,575 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2017-2018 was \$106,595,474 representing a budget increase of 5.98 percent for the new fiscal year. Mr. David Draisen 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 FY2018-2019 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

Mr. Nimmer introduced the representatives from Anderson School District Four as Dr. Joanne Avery, Superintendent, and Ms. Cristy Jablonski, Director of Finance. Ms. Jablonski presented information to the board members requesting their approval for the annual bond which is through the South Carolina Association of Government Organizations (SCAGO) not to exceed 3 million dollars. These funds are used for the annual debt service payments for the QZAB Grant that will mature in 2020 and also for two equipment acquisition loans, one of which the board approved earlier this year, so a small payment there. The majority of the bond money, about two thirds, is to make those payments and the rest of the money, which is about a million dollars, will be used for annual maintenance projects throughout the district. Mr. Nimmer added this will be the eighth of ten annual QZAB payments made into the escrow account.

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve District Four's request for bond approval. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Consideration of Recommendation from Anderson School District One

Mr. Nimmer referred the Anderson County Board of Education members to a letter included in their packet from Mr. Robbie Binnicker, the new Superintendent for Anderson County School District One, recommending an approval to fill the open seat on their board. Mr. Binnicker said the District One Board recommended and approved that Mr. Doug Atkins fill the vacancy at their last meeting. Originally there were three candidates who applied for the open seat; however, one removed their name and the other did not live in area five which is a requirement. Mr. Binnicker said that Mr. Atkins served on their board for many years before resigning recently in protest and he will have to run for reelection in November.

Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to approve Anderson County School District One's recommendation for Mr. Atkins to serve the balance of the remaining term on their Board. Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion, while the other members present were in agreement and the motion was approved, Dr. Gary Burgess abstained from voting.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer reminded those up for re-election in November that the filing will open at noon on August 1st and will close on August 15th said the deadline to file for the November 6th general election will be August 15, 2018. The seats open in 2018 are Seat 1 – Dr. Burgess; Seat 3 – Coach Martin; Seat 4 - Vacant; Seat 5 - Mike Brock; and Seat 6 - Nakia Davis. Filing opens at noon on the 1st and closes at noon on the 15th which is the case with all non-partisan elections.

Even though this was mailed to each board member earlier, Mr. Nimmer said he included a copy of the letter regarding the resignation of Ms. Dana Grant in the packets. She has resigned due to a potential conflict of interest now that she is employed at the Anderson Institute of Technology.

Lastly, there will be a called meeting of the Legislative Delegation tomorrow night at 6:00 pm. This is being held strictly for the approval of the budgets for the Anderson County Board of Education, Anderson County Alternative School, and the District One and District Two Career Center. The consideration of these budgets had to be tabled at the June 7th meeting and, therefore, each entity had to pass a continuing resolution to carry over the 2017-18 budget until the new fiscal year's budget could be approved. Once the 2018-19 budgets are approved, they will be retroactive back to July 1st.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer said the revenue for all entities exceeded their budget amounts. There will also be a small amount collected in July for the prior fiscal year so these percentages will rise but only slightly.

B. Assessment Totals: Our assessment totals county wide have remained steady and consistent. Last month the value of a mil county wide was \$769,000 and this month it is \$770,000. Generally, the biggest influence at this time of year is vehicle sales and the growth from the reassessment last year has also helped.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: The sales tax cumulative amount through the end of June that we have collected county-wide is \$70,855,450.56. As a reminder, 80% can be used for projects and 20% goes toward debt service millage relief. And, as we have noticed in the budgets we discussed, the millage has either dipped or remained the same based on these funds being available to the districts for the shrinking funds.

New Business

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Naka Davis 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.