

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
June 19, 2017

Call to Order

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

Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Ms. Dana Grant, and Mr. Mike Upton were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2017 Board Meeting

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, with the noted correction, and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the May minutes were approved.

Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2017 Called Budget Meeting

Mr. Mike Brock made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Consideration of Anderson School District Three Bond Issue

Mr. Keith Martin, Director of Financial Services, made a request for Anderson School District Three to use the General Obligation Bond to make reoccurring payments for the Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) and the Equipment Acquisition for Technology. The District Three School Board has already approved these payments, and now the Board of Education is being asked to approve the request in order for District Three to make the payment to the bank. Mr. Martin said the payments will be close to \$664,000 but not to exceed \$750,000.

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the bond issue. Dr. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Anderson County Alternative School

Mr. Nimmer reported that the Alternative School closed the 2017 school year at full capacity with 139 students. He and several other board members attended the graduation/awards day held at the River Street Baptist Church. Mr. Mike Brock was a guest speaker. The members said it was a very nice ceremony.

There will be an independent evaluation completed on the Alternative School by a three person team from Georgia. More information to follow.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer told the board members the County Board and Alternative School budgets were approved unanimously last Thursday by the delegation. There were very few changes in this year's budget so we were able to maintain everything from the current year.

Ms. Jan Martin, one of our mental health counselors, and Mr. Nimmer participated in the Coming Together Summit again this year which Dr. Burgess is very involved in. We explained how our program was founded, how it has evolved, and the way it is run now. There were several follow up questions and many schools expressed an interest in our school based mental health program.

Mr. Nimmer received a letter from the City of Anderson stating they are happy to leave the dedication plaque in place on the Bleckley Street building showing it was dedicated to Mr. Smith, the history, and why it was done. At this time, however, they will not be putting the letters on the front of the building since they have other long-term plans for the building. The City was very thoughtful about this and went all the way to the City Council. The County Board members felt this was a fair and responsible response and thanked Mr. Nimmer for his diligent efforts.

Handouts were provided showing the addendums to the budget books. All five districts were able to make adjustments to their budget as a result of the conference committee and final numbers from the State of South Carolina. The bottom line is a \$10 change in base student cost which comes to \$2,425. With the State giving the money directly to PEBA to help offset the increase in retirement instead of going to the districts, the Board will actually get a credit which is good for us.

Dr. Burgess asked if the general assembly would be called back in session to override the veto from the governor regarding new buses. Mr. Nimmer will look into it since he hasn't heard as yet.

Financial

Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Collections year to date show 100% through the end of May for all the Districts. The County Board and Alternative School are closing in on that and will hit that mark in June. We have one more month to book payments as they come in. Delinquent taxes will continue to post through August.

Assessment Totals – May, 2017: We have remained very steady through the month of May which has been the trend for most of the year. Right now the value of a mil county-wide is 728.5 rounded off. These are also the numbers I used for the analysis in the books. When you look at the assessment totals, the gross and the net, the numbers came from the May sheets which is what is used every year. This is a reassessment year and these numbers may change but I don't expect a huge difference and neither does the assessor's office.

Old Business

Old Business was discussed during the Administrator's Report.

New Business

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nakia Davis 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.