

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
March 18, 2019

Call to Order: Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell presented 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, Mr. Jim Hening, Mr. John Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Mr. Nakia Davis and Mr. Mike Upton were unable to attend.

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.

Approval of Minutes: Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting. Ms. Brenda Bradberry 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 stated there are 109 students currently enrolled, last month they had 108, and last year at this time, 102 students. On the back of the report they have listed the students that left the Alternative School as well as why they left.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer handed the Board members a copy of an email showing the legislative update from the South Carolina School Boards Association on the Education Reform Bill passed by the House and headed to the Senate for consideration. The Senate is holding town hall meetings around the State to gain feedback on this which the house did not do.

An overview of the budget as passed by the House, which is basically a modified version of the result of what the Ways and Means Committee proposed, may be changed drastically or slightly as it works through the Senate. At the end of the process, there will be a conference committee to work out the differences in the two houses. Mr. Nimmer said this information is for informational purposes since this has been a pretty active legislative session from an education standpoint.

As a reminder, the Statement of Economic Interest must be filed by March 30, 2019 at noon. This must be done online and everyone serving on the County Board must complete one. Mr. Nimmer will be available to assist if anyone would like his help.

Mr. Nimmer announced the South Carolina School Boards Association's advocacy day for our part of the state to participate in the Two Days at the Capital will be April 10th at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Mr. Nimmer said if anyone is interested in participating to let him know by Friday in order to register them for the event.

Lastly, the date for the New Board Orientation has been set for June 6th at the South Carolina School Boards Association Training Center in Columbia. Mr. Nimmer will take care of the registration for Mr. John Martin who will be attending the mandatory orientation that day as State law requires all newly elected members go through this training.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer referred to the tax collection report year-to-date stating we are about 1.5% behind where we were last year at this time after being ahead up until this point. The reason is Duke Energy has appealed part of their bill related to the Lee Steam Plant in Williamston which is in District One. They would like to have this classified as a manufacturing facility since they generate and manufacture electricity. Therefore, until this appeal is handled, that portion of the bill is not reflected on here.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer referenced the green sheets stating the assessment totals are holding very steady across the districts. The value of a mil county-wide is \$788,279.00. That amount has been about the same for the past three or four months which is a good sign since most of the appeals on real property have been processed and are reflected on the report.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Since the inception of the penny sales tax in March, 2015, we have collected \$87,708,357.59 through the month of February, 2019. As a reminder, 20% comes off the top to be used to roll back property tax millage for debt service and 80% is used for projects. 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

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to pay both bills, seconded by Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell. The Board unanimously approved.

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.