

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
May 15, 2017

Call to Order

In Chairman David Draisen's absence, Vice Chairman Brenda Bradberry 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 May meeting: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Mr. Nakia Davis, Ms. Dana Grant, and Mr. David Draisen were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2017 Board Meeting

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the April minutes were approved.

Consideration of Request from Anderson School District Five

Mr. Nimmer referenced the detailed listing of items in surplus inventory that District Five would like to put up for auction in June that requires the Board's approval. Mr. Wess Grant, Chief Operating Officer, from the district who is overseeing this project came tonight in order to answer any questions the board members might have. Ms. Brenda Bradberry wondered why the desks and chairs couldn't be used in the new addition of Robert Anderson Middle School. Mr. Grant said they want to match the type of desk with the existing desks at the school and, since the old items can be sold at auction or as scrap metal, the money can be used towards the purchase of new ones. Mr. Grant added that all schools have been allowed to come in the building at Lakeside Middle to mark what they want before the sale. We are recycling a lot of items to all the other 12 schools in the district. A mover will come in and bring all the items to the schools. Ms. Bradberry said she was pleased to hear this.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the request from Anderson School District Five to auction the surplus inventory. It was seconded by Dr. Gary Burgess and approved unanimously. Ms. Bradberry also requested that District Five provide the final amount brought in from the sale once it is completed. Mr. Grant said he would be glad to.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

Mr. Nimmer reported on the cumulative report for April and May as the numbers were unavailable at last month's meeting due to the Spring break. Last month in April 2017, there were 134 students and this month there are 137. In May of 2016 there were 130 students. No students have left during the past two months. The graduation and awards day will be held at River Street Baptist Church this year and everyone is welcome to attend.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer advised the board members that the Delegation Meeting to approve the 2017-2018 budgets for the five Anderson County School Districts, the Alternative School, the District 1 and 2 Career Center, and the Board of Education is set for Thursday, June 15th. This is earlier than most years so we will need to have the budget committee meet to discuss the County Board budget very soon and then arrange a special meeting with the entire board to vote on the budget. After discussion, they decided the Board's Budget Committee would meet on Thursday, May 18th at 4:00 pm. This committee consists of Mr. Draisen, Ms. Bradberry, Dr. Burgess, and Mr. Upton. Then, on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm, the board members will hold a special meeting to vote and finalize the budget.

Mr. Nimmer put together a tentative budget workshop schedule for the board members to discuss the school district budgets. He will send out the schedule to everyone and, if this tentative budget meeting schedule works for everyone, he will notify the district administrators and confirm that these are the dates. The meetings are being held later than we have in the past but should work just fine.

Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported that he and Mr. Draisen spend time at the 2DAC (Two Days at the Capitol) which is sponsored through the School Board Association. It was a very positive meeting this year. The lawmakers were not in session at the time so we were able to meet them in their offices and actually spent more time with them.

Financial

Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Collections year to date are continuing to be strong. We have two more months to book revenue and are close to collecting all of the budgeted revenue. Notice the County Board is a little behind, but that is because of reimbursements from the districts that come at the end of the school year. The Alternative School is the same as the board and will also receive reimbursements from the districts at the end of June.

Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer included two months of assessment totals due to county offices being closed the last time we met due to the Easter holiday. There is very little difference between the two months with both holding at the county-wide value of a mil which is a little over 729K. The May numbers are typically what we use for the budget books. Mr. Nimmer plans to have the budget books to each board member before the end of the first week in June.

Old Business

Mr. Nimmer has been in contact again with the city now that the department head is back after his surgery. It is going through the channels and he will get back to Mr. Nimmer as soon as that is complete.

New Business

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Brock and was followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Bradberry.

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.