

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
October 16, 2017

Call to Order: Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Mitchell presented the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Mike Brock, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Nakia Davis, and Mr. Mike Upton.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Gary Burgess made the motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board members agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Dale Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting. Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell 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 provided a copy of the report from the Alternative School to each Board member present which included the report that was missed for last month. Enrollment was currently at 73 students while last year at this time enrollment was at 79. Ms. Grant asked how many students return to their home schools after attending the Alternative School. Mr. Nimmer said he has requested that this information be added to the report but, of course, it is early in the year for students to be returning to their home school. We hope to see this included in the report later on in the school year.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that Ms. Bradberry is resting and recuperating at home now. Her recovery suffered a setback after an unfortunate fall at the rehab hospital and her recovery is taking longer than he had hoped. Mr. Nimmer will continue to keep everyone updated.

Mr. Nimmer told the Board the South Carolina School Boards Association held their regional advocacy conference last Wednesday. Mr. Draisen went on to explain how they divided the attendees into groups representing the pros and the cons of issues that would affect board operations. The issues chosen for this exercise were the universal starting date for all schools in South Carolina, consolidation of independent school districts within a county, educational funding reform, and tuition tax credits. Then the attendees were asked to develop a mock platform, define their support groups, and pitch their position to "legislators" played by the School Boards Association representatives and other attorneys in attendance. Each group made a case through discussions. Mr. Nimmer and Mr. Draisen felt it was an excellent experience and very beneficial.

Lastly, Mr. Nimmer informed the Board members the reservation for the Annual Holiday Dinner has been made and will take place at Tucker's Restaurant on Monday, December 18th, with the normal Board Meeting at 6:00 pm and dinner following at 6:30 pm.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer said the current monthly report in their packets represents the current report through September. The dollars are trickling in but will begin coming in even stronger in November as tax bills are sent out. This is about normal for this time of year. District Three continues to be, from a percentage point, slightly ahead as they get Santee Cooper money that is booked as fee in-lieu of taxes and the other districts do not receive their fee money until later in the year during the first quarter.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer referenced the green sheets stating this will be the last report with these figures. The changes in assessed value as a result of the reassessment that occurred this year, will be posted in the October report. He heard that the county-wide value of a mil will increase about \$10,000 based on preliminary numbers but won't know for sure until everything is posted and received by the auditor.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: From the inception of the tax through September collection period, we have collected \$53,204,852.18 which is split in the 80/20 as we always do. The \$361,276 collected just in the last month will go towards debt reduction and that will be posted to the sinking funds. The Districts have a little over 1.4 million available to use in various capital projects.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Mr. Mike Brock made a motion to pay both bills, seconded by Dr. Burgess. 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.