

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
September 17, 2018

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: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Mr. Nakia Davis and Mr. Mike Upton.

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: Mr. Dale Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 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.

Consideration of Request from Anderson School District Three: Mr. Nimmer referred to the letter included in the Board member's packets from Anderson County School District Three requesting the liquidation of a 2005 dump truck. They will be upgrading to a new truck for use in their Agriculture Program.

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve District Three's liquidation request. Mr. Mike Brock seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer began by saying we've had a good opening to the new school year and have hit the ground running. Our registered dietician provided training to the school food service teams in Districts Two and Three and received high praise from the state on these programs. Our mental health counselors are back in the schools and have already received referrals. We are glad we can provide advice and counsel to our students. Ms. Brenda Bradberry asked how many counselors are in each school district. Mr. Nimmer said we have two in District One, two in District Two, one in District Three, one in District Four, and three in District Five.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Nimmer stated the Anderson County Alternative School report is included in their packet with about eight more students than this time last year. Since Mr. Dillingham is attending tonight's meeting, Mr. Nimmer turned the report over to him. Mr. Dillingham said they had a good opening to the school year, all his open positions have been filled, and that the students haven't been getting any easier over the years. Ms. Bradberry asked if any students had returned from last year and Mr. Dillingham answered, yes, some have. These decisions are made by the home school district along with his recommendation. They go over the student's records, attendance, discipline, and grades to before coming to a decision. If they have done well and are ready to integrate back into the system, they take them back the next year.

Mr. Nimmer mentioned a call he received from Dr. Joanne Avery, Superintendent from District Four, stating that she, Mr. Dillingham, and the superintendents from the other four districts had a meeting on Friday. During this meeting, Mr. Tom Wilson, Superintendent from District Five, said this may be the last year his district will participate with the Alternative School as they may have another route to use that will be less expensive. Mr. Wilson feels the teachers at the Alternative School are paid too much, uniforms are not necessary, and the boot camp is no longer an appropriate way to handle students at the Alternative School. The technology support and food services that District Five provides would also be discontinued. Dr. Avery and the other superintendents were as surprised as Mr. Dillingham to hear this information.

The discussion tonight was simply to keep our Board members informed. There will be continuing conversations regarding the school districts and the Alternative School.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer said the tax collection year-to-date is moving along slowly which is normal at 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. In the middle of October, we will see the Tier III Funds, in December the first payment of the Tier I Money, and Tier II Homestead Dollars come in later on in the year.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer referenced the green sheets stating they are holding steady. We have seen about \$1,000 in value of a mil county wide dip from the end of August. After talking with Jackie Hunter, it is due to the slowdown of automobile sales. This number rises and falls routinely during the year. The value of a mil is now \$769,000.00.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: From the inception of the tax through the end of August, we have collected \$75,008,247.22 in total sales tax dollars. Mr. Nimmer reminded everyone that 80% goes to help fund various capital projects and 20% is used for debt service payments for the districts which keeps the millage steady or declined. The millage applied for debt service is across all classifications of property: boats, airplanes, automobiles, homes occupied and not occupied, commercial and residential. This continues to be a win for the property tax payers in the county.

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 Dr. Gary 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.