

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
April 22, 2019

Call to Order: Mr. Mike Upton 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. Mike Upton, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Jim Hening, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. David Draisen and Mr. John Martin were unable to attend.

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

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Brenda Bradberry made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 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.

Consideration of Requests from Anderson School District Five: Mr. Nimmer referenced the first of two requests from School District Five included in the Board Member's packets. The first is a request from Wess Grant, Assistant Superintendent for Operational Services, showing a resolution passed by the District Five Board of Trustees at their April 9th meeting along with a plat of the property in question and tax map number. There is a resolution that mimics the one that District Five used that we will sign to make available to the District. In order for the District to move forward, their request must be approved by our County Board and then the Office of School Facilities at the State Department in Columbia must also approve it. Ms. Pamela Hassan, Director of Purchasing & Warehouse Services is here to answer any questions the Board members may have.

Mr. Mike Upton asked Ms. Hassan if the District might need this property for further expansion, she said they do not. Ms. Brenda Bradberry asked if the property was close to Homeland Park Elementary School and Ms. Hassan it was in the vicinity. Ms. Hassan said the approximately 30 acres of property was purchased back in 1969 and is considered surplus. They plan to dispose of this property and use the funds for additional and future capital improvements. The proceeds will be held for this specific purpose and not operations. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Jim Hening seconded. The motion was approved with Ms. Brenda Bradberry abstaining.

The second request is detailed in a letter from Ms. Hassan requesting the Board's approval to dispose of property such as old cafeteria tables via an online auction by the State Office and outdated IT surplus through a public sale via sealed bids. Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the sale of surplus property and Rev. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Nimmer stated there are 117 students currently enrolled, last month they had 109, and last year at this time, 111 students. Full capacity is about 130 students. On the back of the report they have listed the number of students that left the Alternative School as well as why they left.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer mentioned that Mr. Brock is a little under the weather tonight, Mr. Draisen is returning from a trip, and Mr. Davis had a business conflict. They all hope to be back for next months' board meeting.

Mr. David Draisen and Mr. Joey Nimmer attended the Two Days at the Capitol on April 10th and it was a fairly productive trip. They were briefed on the Legislative Agenda by the School Board's Association. They were able to meet with several members of our Legislative Delegation to talk about issues that are under consideration such as education reform and the budget. It appears that the Education Reform Bill will not pass this year and nobody knows when the budget will pass. The Senate Finance Sub-Committee approved a 4% increase in pay for teachers and now it goes to the Full Senate for approval. As of right now, it looks like there will be no change from last year in the Base Student Cost, however, some members in the Senate are working towards an approximate \$15 per student increase. With the \$15 increase, the total is still about \$450 dollars less than the state statute mandated amount.

Lastly, Mr. John Martin is registered to attend the New Board Member Orientation on June 6th at the South Carolina School Board's Association Training Center in Columbia.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer referred to the tax collection report year-to-date stating that everyone is about the same in terms of collections. We still have some state money coming in that will represent 10% of the initial property tax relief since we got 90% back in December. We will also get the homestead exemption money while most of the ad valorem tax has been collected. Mr. Nimmer said he has no doubt that we will reach the budgeted revenue figures for the districts, the Alternative School, and the County Board.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer referenced the green sheets stating the tax assessment totals have remained incredibly steady during all of 2019. The value of a mil county-wide is \$766,667.00 for the current period which is within a few hundred dollars of where it has been for most of this calendar year. We are staying very steady as appeals are handled and most of those have been recorded by now.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Since the inception of the penny sales tax in March, 2015, we have collected \$89,679,465.93 through the month of March, 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 coming in at a very favorable rate.

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.