

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
July 15, 2019

Call to Order: Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Jim Haning, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Board Members Absent: Ms. Brenda Bradberry and Mr. John Martin were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion and, with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell made a motion to approve the June 17, 2019 minutes and the motion was seconded by Mr. Nakia Davis. With a unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Richard Taylor of Honea Path requested time to address the County Board to express his concerns over the District Two School Board issue and the fate of the superintendent. After speaking for the allotted time, Mr. Taylor was thanked by the Board members for coming and expressing his concerns.

Consideration of District One Budget: Mr. Jim Haning presented the budget for Anderson School District One for the fiscal year FY2019-2020 in the amount of \$80,372,490 of which \$31,161,079 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2018-2019 was \$75,072,271 representing a budget increase of 7.06% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Haning made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2019-2020 for District One.

Consideration of District Two Budget: Mr. Mike Brock presented the budget for Anderson School District Two for the fiscal year FY2019-2020 in the amount of \$31,495,822 of which \$12,347,783 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2018-2019 was \$29,735,247 representing a budget increase of 5.92% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Brock made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2019-2020 for District Two.

Consideration of District Three Budget: Mr. Nakia Davis presented the budget for Anderson School District Three for the fiscal year FY2019-2020 in the amount of \$22,183,260 of which \$3,895,485 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2018-2019 was \$20,799,850 representing a budget increase of 6.65% for the new fiscal year. Rev. Mitchell made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2019-2020 for District Three.

Consideration of District Four Budget: Dr. Gary Burgess presented the budget for Anderson School District Four for the fiscal year FY2019-2020 in the amount of \$30,041,517 of which \$18,408,940 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2018-2019 was \$29,115,742 representing a budget increase of 3.18% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Burgess made a motion that we approve this budget request that meets State requirements and Mr. Jim Haning seconded it. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2019-2020 for District Four.

Consideration of District Five Budget: Mr. Mike Upton presented the budget for Anderson School District Five for the fiscal year FY2019-2020 in the amount of \$118,726,349 of which \$59,413,906 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2018-2019 was \$112,975,200 representing a budget increase of 5.09% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Upton made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2019-2020 for District Five.

Dr. Gary Burgess recognized Dr. Joanne Avery who is South Carolina's Superintendent of the Year and said how very proud he is to represent District Four. Chairman David Draisen also thanked all five districts for the hard work they do each year.

Executive Session to receive Legal Advice: Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion for the Board Meeting to go into executive session and Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, Mr. Nimmer led the Board Members and Attorney Richard Thompson to the Seabrook Conference Room for executive session. Upon their return, Chairman David Draisen stated that no motions were made and no votes were taken.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer said that Ms. Bradberry is out of town and, other than that, he had nothing more to report.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer referenced the monthly financial reports in their packets that show all entities are over 100% collection. There is still a small amount of State money to come in and be posted for the 2018/19 year as well as some June and July receipts from local property taxes so these numbers will rise slightly in the final analysis. It is a good sign when everyone is at or above the 100% mark at this point.

B. Assessment Totals: The assessment totals or green sheets continue to hold steady. There has been close to a \$100 value of a mill decline in the month of June which is normal when the sale of new vehicles doesn't keep pace. There will be some growth posted over the next couple months as the preparations continue for issuing the property tax invoices for 2019 which will be mailed out in early October.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Since the inception of the penny sales tax in March, 2015, we have collected \$96,054,127.89 county wide through the month of June, 2019. The districts have use of 80% for capital, security technology, and projects while 20% comes off the top for property tax relief to offset the existing debt that was in place at the time the sales tax was enacted. That number continues to show up in reduction or flat debt service millage.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Mr. Nakia Davis. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Draisen.

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.