

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
August 16, 2010

Board Members Present: Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Shawn McGee, Mr. Randy Price, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Steve Garrison, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Mr. Jeff Kubu

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

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

Approval of Minutes—July 19, 2010 Meeting: Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Brock seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved. During discussion Mr. Garrison requested more information on local budgets for the school districts since the Board deals mostly with the local portion of the budgets.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: There were no visitors present.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported the Alternative School Board met and had a workshop in Honea Path on Thursday. They are expecting approximately 60 to 80 students for beginning enrollment for the 2010-11 school year. The number of students enrolled will vary due to the number of students allowed to return to their home schools. At the end of the previous school year, there were one hundred thirty four students enrolled with a graduating class of six.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

A. There is a full slate of candidates for the County Board seats as of today, August 16, 2010. Mr. Price and interim Shawn McGee will not be running for the next term.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer stated this is a typical summer with low funds. There is a small amount of local tax revenue coming in and one payment from the state. The final accounting for the 2009-10 year will occur after September for local property tax. The reason being the bills are generated in October. Delinquent taxes being posted now are from the prior tax year.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer reported although vehicle sales have been sluggish, there have been enough sales to hold the assessment totals steady. Over the next two to three months assessments from new real estate will be posted prior to sending tax bills in October. The current figures do not reflect any 2009 growth in real estate. The totals for the county are holding steady at \$621,000 per mil. The advalorem taxes apply to prior year 2008-09. Adjusting

entries will be made to close out the books for the 2010 year. Another influx of delinquent taxes begins in November when the tax sale is held.

Old Business:

County Board Projects Update: There is nothing to report at this time.

A. New Business:

B. ADM Accounts Payable:

C. SFS Accounts Payable: Mr. Brock made the motion to approve the ADM accounts payable and the School Food Service accounts payable as presented in the monthly claim. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Ms. Bradberry asked how often the Board gets financial reports. Mr. Nimmer stated that quarterly reports are given every quarter. Ms. Bradberry asked if the grant writer has submitted any grants. Mr. Nimmer reported Ms. Chivers has already submitted grants and is working with Anderson School District Five's grant writer, Ms. Sara Burns, as well as other grant writers in the districts. Ms. Bradberry requested progress reports from Ms. Chivers in the future.

Mr. Brock made the statement the Alternative School Board voted to leave the position of Mental Health counselor, left vacant by Mr. Marty Jenkins departure, open for one year. Mr. Brock, Ms. Bradberry and Mr. Draisen expressed their opinions that the position is needed and that some other program should be cut before leaving the mental health counselor position vacant. Mr. Nimmer assured the Board the County Board could not provide counseling for the Alternative School because of the intense one on one type of counseling needed at the Alt School. The mental health counselors employed by the County Board are crisis counselors. The Alternative School wanted to add a drug counselor in prior years, but the budget would not permit the addition of this position. The decision to leave the mental health counselor position open this year is based solely on balancing the budget. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to have a letter written and sent to the Alternative School Board stating the County Board's objection to leaving the mental health counselor position open and that the County Board expects the Alternative School Board to find a way to fill this position.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Acting Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.

