

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
July 18, 2011

Board Members Present: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Steve Garrison, Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Craig Drennon, Ms. Dana Grant, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: All board members were present.

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—June 20, 2011 Board Meeting: Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2011 meeting, and Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed visitors Dr. Lee D'Andrea, Mr. Keith Martin, Mr. David Brooks, Ms. Gail Southard, Ms. Betty Bagley and Mr. Ken Martin.

Consideration of District One Budget: Mr. Dale Martin presented the budget for Anderson School District One for fiscal year FY2011-12 in the amount of \$51,688,317 of which \$23,863,389 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2010-11 was \$48,516,874 representing a budget increase of 6.54 % for the new fiscal year.

During discussion Ms. Bradberry asked what District One did with the \$165,000 which is the difference when subtracting the money received and the money budgeted. There was no one present who could answer the question. Ms. Bradberry hoped the money was put in fund balance.

Dr. Burgess asked if District One had rescinded their policy of paying hired retirees a percentage of what is paid to regular employees. Mr. Garrison replied that the policy had not changed.

Mr. Martin moved to approve this budget request which meets State requirements. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed with Dr. Burgess abstaining and the other eight board members voting yea.

Consideration of District Two Budget: Mr. Brock presented the budget for Anderson School District Two for fiscal year FY2011-12 in the amount of \$22,582,886 of which \$9,983,923 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2010-11 was \$21,144,286 representing a budget increase of 6.80% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Brock moved to approve the budget request which meets State requirements. Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion. Ms. Grant and Dr. Burgess voted nay. The motion passed with seven board members voting yea.

Consideration of District Three Budget: Dr. Drennon presented the budget for Anderson School District Three for fiscal year FY2011-2012 in the amount of \$15,861,200 of which \$6,918,401 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2010-2011 was \$14,322,717 representing a budget increase of 10.74% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Drennon moved to approve this budget request which meets State requirements. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Ms. Southard told that two steps were given to all employees. Mr. Keith Martin explained the division of money and how it was to be distributed. Dr. Burgess asked if the cafeteria employees were

getting a step increase. Mr. Martin said they normally get a percentage increase but not this year. Ms. Southard said that it seems when a person works in the cafeteria, they tend to stay in that position for life. The Board voted unanimously to approve District Three's 2011-12 budget.

Consideration of District Four Budget:

Dr. Burgess commended those who had worked on preparing budgets. He encouraged District Four to increase the local supplement for teachers and hire the best employees and pay them equally, whether retirees or not. Dr. Burgess presented the budget for Anderson School District Four for fiscal year FY2011-2012 in the amount of \$22,206,933 of which \$14,738,074 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2010-2011 was \$21,372,070 representing a budget increase of 3.91% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Burgess moved to approve this budget request which meets State requirements. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

Consideration of District Five Budget: Ms. Grant presented the budget for Anderson School District Five for fiscal year FY2011-2012 in the amount of \$82,870,524 of which \$45,336,997 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2010-2011 was \$77,611,853 representing a budget increase of 6.78% for the new fiscal year. Ms. Grant moved for the approval of this budget request which meets State requirements. Ms. Bradberry seconded the motion. Ms. Bagley informed the Board that all employees, including bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and aides, would be getting a step increase. Dr. Burgess abstained from voting. The motion passed with the other eight Board members voting yea.

Presentation of 2010 County Board Audit—Mr. Ken Martin: Mr. Martin explained the audit was performed using generally accepted auditing standards and governmental auditing standards. In using those standards he believed strong internal controls are being used at the County Board resulting in a positive audit.

Alternative School Report: There is nothing to report at this time.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- A. The Anderson County Delegation unanimously passed budgets for the County Board and the Alternative School.

Financial:

- A. **Tax Collections YTD vs. Budgets:** District Two is the only district at 99.1% that is below 100%. This is still the outstanding money from the Timken transfer which has not been rectified. The money will come in when the decision is made as to whether Timken or the new company should be responsible for paying it.
- B. **Assessment Totals June 30, 2011:** The value of a mill increased countywide about \$500 from the end of May to the end of June. This number rises and falls as a result of sale of automobiles throughout the year.

Old Business: Mr. Garrison reported the Anderson County School Superintendents would be meeting again in September, date to be announced after school starts.

New Business:

- A. **ADM Accounts Payable:**

- B. **SFS Accounts Payable:** Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay both County Board accounts payable and School Food Service accounts payable. Dr. Burgess seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted,

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

