

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
March 21, 2011

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Craig Drennon

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 -- February 21, 2011 Meeting: Mr. Garrison made the motion to approve minutes for the February 21, 2011 meeting. Dr. Burgess seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed the visitors: Mr. Bill Baker and Ms. Liz Carey. There was no public comment.

Alternative School Report: Due to the death of Ms. Wanda Collins mother, there is no Alternative School report at this time.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- A. Statement of Economic Development is due by April 15, 2011 and has to be entered online. Mr. Nimmer stressed there is a monetary penalty for not registering.
- B. A Day at the Capitol is to be held April 27, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Registration deadline is April 14, 2011. Board members are asked to notify the office of plans to attend.
- C. Mr. Draisen, Dr. Burgess, Mr. Garrison and Mr. Nimmer attended the South Carolina School Boards Association Conference. It was noted links for materials and sessions from the conference are in power point and pdf online.
- D. Dr. Drennon is absent because of flu.

Financial:

- A. **Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer stated the collections are remarkably consistent at this time and slightly ahead of last year according to Jason Phillips, Anderson County Treasurer.
- B. **Assessment Totals, February 28, 2011:** Mr. Nimmer reported for the first time there is an increase in assessment totals due to vehicle sales. March is the biggest month for vehicle sales due to income tax refunds. The Assessor's office produced the information that most of the property appeals are now settled. Most 6% property which was converted to 4% is reflected here and vice versa.

Ms. Bradberry asked if the 6% under "value" is the difference between owner occupied homes and non owner occupied homes and businesses to which Mr. Nimmer replied that it is. Millage applied is per taxing district. Millage is the same for vehicles as it is for homes.

Old Business: Mr. Garrison said a meeting of the Academic Improvement Committee had been tentatively scheduled for May 2, 2011. He requested Mr. Nimmer ask the purchasing agent for each

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school district to make a list of their top ten purchases over the last five years. In speaking with CSI Mr. Garrison was told the company had made presentations of the virtual school in the past, but money was always an issue. Mr. Garrison proposed checking into funding virtual school programs for the schools.

Dr. Burgess requested the board chairmen of the districts inform the County Board of Education of any extraordinary fiscal items that might affect their budgets. Dr. Burgess requested a letter be sent to the districts with this request for the future. Ms. Bradberry agreed that the districts should keep the Anderson County Board of Education informed of all fiscal activity in order to be able to respond correctly when questioned by constituents. Mr. Garrison stated there needed to be better communication between the districts and the County Board concerning fiscal matters. Dr. Burgess made the motion to send the letter and Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board agreed unanimously.

Mr. Brock asked about the CSI virtual school program and how it could be funded. Mr. Garrison explained operation of virtual school as follows: If a child needed a class, the County Board could coordinate providing that service between districts. Someone would have to purchase the equipment to facilitate virtual classroom being produced. If a class that was needed was not offered in another school, the district that did not have the service would have to pay.

Ms. Bradberry asked if a student who needed the virtual school could take the class in another district without having to pay. It was believed the student would still have to pay out of district tuition. Mr. Baker thought a child whose parent taught in a district could go to the school nearest the home or to the school at which the parent taught. Ms. Bradberry was interested in knowing how many students are paying out of district fees since the district fees are included in the budget.

Ms. Bradberry announced the Budget Committee meeting for April 11, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Grant will be chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee, aided by committee members Dale Martin and Mike Brock.

Mr. Draisen reported going to the Anderson School District Five Board Meeting to present a report from the County Board of Education. He believes it will be a good idea to have a County Board member at each District Five board meeting. Ms. Grant agreed to attend the next District Five meeting.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay both the ADM accounts payable and the SFS accounts payable. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the board agreed unanimously.

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.

