

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625**  
**January 22, 2013**

**Swearing of newly elected and re-elected members of the Anderson County Board of Education**

Mr. Nimmer swore in newly elected board member Mr. Mike Upton and returning board members Mr. David Draisen and Ms. Brenda Bradberry.

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Mike Brock, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Mike Upton, Dr. Craig Drennon and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

**Board Members Absent:**

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell and Dr. Gary Burgess were not present.

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order. Ms. Dana Grant gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dale Martin seconded the motion and the Board members approved the agenda unanimously.

**Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2013:**

Ms. Brenda Bradberry nominated Mr. David Draisen to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year 2013, seconded by Dr. Craig Drennon. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Mr. David Draisen made the motion to nominate Ms. Brenda Bradberry to serve as Vice Chairman for the calendar year 2013, seconded by Ms. Dana Grant. The Board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Mr. David Draisen stated Dr. Gary Burgess had previously agreed to serve as Board Secretary for the year 2013. Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion for Dr. Gary L. Burgess to serve as Secretary, seconded by Dr. Craig Drennon. Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion that all nominations be closed, and was approved unanimously by the Board.

Mr. David Draisen circulated a list of proposed board committees and recommended members to serve on those individual committees. He asked the board members to let him if they are unable

to serve on those committees.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Dale Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting. Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion and the Board approved the minutes unanimously. Mr. David Draisen requested a board member present to sign the minutes in lieu of Dr. Gary Burgess, and Mr. Mike Brock agreed to do so.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons/Public Comment Period:**

Mr. David Draisen recognized Mrs. Nancy Upton, who was in attendance.

**Anderson County Alternative School Report:**

Mr. Brock provided a copy of the report from the Alternative School to each Board member present. Ms. Bradberry questioned the current enrollment listed on the report versus the enrollment totals presented at the December 17, 2012. She noted that these numbers were reported incorrectly in the Minutes of the December 17, 2012 board meeting. The Board requested that the correction to the minutes be made prior to the next board meeting.

**Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Nimmer reminded the board members that they were required to file their Statement of Economic Interest, online, at the South Carolina State Ethics Commission website no later than April 15, 2013. He provided the Board with some basic instructions and provided them with the website address for the Ethics Commission.

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board he had agreed to serve on the Work Ready Community Steering Committee for Anderson County as the Education Representative. Mr. Nimmer explained the state is working on a program to have every county or community that wishes, be designated as a Work Ready Community and become Work Key Certified. The certification comes at different levels as a result of examination given by the ACT. Mr. Nimmer stated the committee and the superintendents of all five districts met and all are in favor of pursuing the program.

Mr. Nimmer stated there remains a lot of questions regarding the program that need to be answered prior to participation, such as state funding. He has agreed to help coordinate training for proctors to give the examination. Mr. Nimmer explained the program could equip graduating students with a diploma in one hand and working credential in the other. Students would be able to graduate with the ability to go to college or have the credentials to go straight to work. Several Anderson County industries are already using Work Keys criteria as a qualifying condition for applying for work.

Ms. Dana Grant asked if the districts would be funding the proctors and if they would utilize current staff. Mr. Nimmer answered yes and added proctors are not required to be a state certified teachers but must be ACT Certified. Mr. Nimmer explained that he agreed to coordinate the proctor training and, if within reason, provide funding for training the proctors for

certification. He told the Board he would continue to update them when further information is available.

Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board of the upcoming 2013 South Carolina School Board Association Annual Convention in Myrtle Beach, February 21-24, 2013. Mr. Nimmer stated that he along with Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Dale Martin and Mr. Mike Upton will be attending. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board of the attempts to obtain rooms at the Embassy Suites, but that none of the rooms have become available and reservations remain at the Hilton. He stated that Mr. Mike Upton has been registered for the new member workshop.

Mr. Nimmer updated the Board on Rev. Mitchell and he continues to recover at home. Mr. Nimmer stated that he spoke with Rev. Mitchell's wife and he is currently in therapy and is planning on being in attendance at the next board meeting.

**Financial:**

**A: Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:**

Mr. Nimmer stated that all of the Districts as well as the County Board and the Alternative School are fairly consistent but behind as compared to the same period in 2011. Mr. Nimmer explained after speaking with the Treasurer, the difference is due to the timing of the new year due and the fact some of the monies collected prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> were not posted until after the 31<sup>st</sup>. He stated the monies would be recognized on the Jan 15<sup>th</sup> report.

Ms. Bradberry questioned why some of the categories were at zero and Mr. Nimmer answered because there were no collections. He stated that the tier one property tax relief will receive 90% and is listed as property tax relief. He further explained tier three is the Act 388 money and comes in 10 monthly payments. Mr. Nimmer also stated homestead is usually received in April. Ms. Bradberry asked when Manufacturers Depreciation monies come. Mr. Nimmer answered it normally comes in late April and early May along with the remaining 10% of the initial property tax relief. Mr. Nimmer concluded there was a very strong January the 15<sup>th</sup> collection and was due to last minute payments being received and will be reflected in next month's report.

**B: Assessment Totals:**

Mr. Nimmer stated the assessment totals not only maintained their value through some appeals but actually managed to grow approximately \$1,000 per mill, county wide. The numbers are up and down across some of the districts based on reclassification of some properties but county wide the value is holding and continues to grow.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Bradberry asked if anyone had attended the District Five board meeting as she was interested in knowing what the board thought about the three superintendent candidates. Mr. Draisen stated Mr. Nimmer has made a request to District Five that the board have the opportunity to meet with the candidates.

Mr. Draisen asked about progress in the Sharing of Services Committee. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board they continue to work on procuring items together. Mr. Nimmer stated that we have

assumed District Five's truancy and they may be interested in our providing some of the other services we provide such as school based mental health counseling.

Mr. Draisen asked in light of the Newtown, CT school shooting, what the districts were doing about security in the schools. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that during the Work Ready Community meeting, all the districts had a discussion about school security. The plan is to bring together all of the districts along with municipalities, etc., to determine the current status, what is currently being done and what changes are needed. Mr. Nimmer stated that District 5 has asked him to be a part of the initiative. Mr. Nimmer explained that there is a demand for resource officers. He stated that they are specially trained and we do not have the supply for the demand. He further explained that this is not something can be responded to quickly but is being addressed. The Board discussed what some of the schools could do now to enhance security with current resources.

**New Business:**

**A: ADM Accounts Payable:**

**B: SFS Accounts Payable:**

Ms. Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Dr. Craig Drennon. All board members voted unanimously to pay the bills.

**C. Schedule of County Board Meetings for 2013**

The Board considered the proposed schedule of board meeting dates for the 2013 calendar year. Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by Mr. Mike Brock. With a unanimous vote from the Board, the 2013 Board Meeting schedule was approved.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. Bradberry made a motion that the meeting be 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.