

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
August 19, 2013

Call to Order

Mr. David Draisen called the meeting to order and Reverend Mitchell gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present:

The following Board Members were present: Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Dale Martin, Dr. Craig Drennon, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Mike Upton, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry and Ms. Dana Grant were not in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board members approved the agenda unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – July 15, 2013 Meeting

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting. A second for approval was made by Dr. Craig Drennon and was followed by a unanimous vote from the Board.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period

Dr. Richard Rosenberger, Superintendent of District Two and Mr. Keith Martin, Director of Finance for District Three, were in attendance.

Consideration of Recommendation of Personnel Committee

Dr. Gary Burgess brought forth a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the following hires and the motion was seconded by Dr. Craig Drennon:

- Julie Peles, School Food Service Management Contract
- Teresa Phillips, School Based Mental Health Counselor - *School District Two*
- Wendy Brooks, School Based Mental Health Counselor - *School District Five*
- Kelly Latham, School Based Mental Health Counselor - *School District Five*
- Janet Martin, School Based Mental Health Counselor - *School District Five*

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Draisen called for a vote and the Board members agreed unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

Consideration of District Three Bond Issue (Second of Four Bonds Approved in 2012)

Mr. Nimmer stated that last April 2012, District 3 first approached the Board about some upgrades to some technology and equipment in the district, structuring the financing over a four year period not to exceed \$1.1 Million Dollars. Mr. Nimmer continued to explain that every year for four years a bond will be issued to handle the debt service and the only thing the Board is considering approving is the issuance of the second bond. Mr. Keith Martin, District Three Director of Finance stated that this bond is not to exceed \$280,000. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the issuance of the bond, seconded by Dr. Craig Drennon.

Mr. Martin stated that the money is being used to purchase classroom technology and vehicle replacement. Chairman Draisen asked Mr. Martin about the mechanics of the bond issuance and how the repayment would be handled. Mr. Martin stated BB&T purchased the bond and loaned the District the money and each year a bond issue is floated for the annual payment and in turn the district makes the annual payment to BB&T.

Mr. Upton asked if the repayment of this bond would affect next year's budget. Mr. Martin stated that it is put on millage that is based on next year's budget, but would keep the effect on the millage to a minimum being executed in the repayment over a four year period. After further discussion regarding repayment options if millage was adversely affected, Mr. Martin stated that if that became an issue, the District could borrow the money for the repayment. After discussions concluded, Mr. Draisen asked for a vote, with all members voting unanimously to approve the bond issuance.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

There was no report due to school not being in session for the previous month.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that Ms. Brenda Bradberry had a follow up surgery on her shoulder and that recovery time for this surgery was much slower and could possibly be as long as one year.

Mr. Nimmer stated at the invitation of District Five's Superintendent, Mr. Tom Wilson, he attended the District's back to school celebration. It was a good opportunity to meet the District's Teachers of the Year that were honored and the district-wide Teacher of the Year addressed the attendees. Others who spoke at the celebration were Superintendent Wilson and Chairman Rick Bradshaw of the District Five Board of Trustees.

Mr. Nimmer updated the Board on the search for an alternative location for the Board offices. An ideal location had been located, but before it could be pursued, was placed under contract with a potential buyer. Mr. Brock asked if the City was also looking for ideal property for the Board's relocation and Mr. Nimmer replied yes. Mr. Nimmer told the Board the City was aware of our unique space requirement needs such as additional space to host training, public meetings, etc. Mr. Nimmer concluded that we will continue to look at properties and he will keep the Board informed of any new developments.

Financial

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget

Mr. Nimmer stated that considering it is the first month of the new-year, we are currently at an approximate 1.3% collections to date. Mr. Nimmer stated from a cash flow stand point the current time frame and late fall are the two most challenging times of the fiscal year in terms of revenue versus expenditures.

B. Assessment Totals – July 31, 2013

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that county wide the value of a mill did grow and bounced back from what it was last month. Mr. Nimmer continued that currently the value increased approximately 1,000 per mill and will continue to change until the reassessment is finalized, which will be mid-September. Mr. Nimmer stated at that time the tax millage will be set for next year. Mr. Nimmer stated that the current report does not include any of the reassessment. Dr. Gary Burgess asked the current value of a mill and Mr. Nimmer answered county-wide the value is approximately \$641,000 and the breakdown is shown individually for each district.

Chairman Draisen asked Mr. Nimmer to give an update on the Anderson County Council fee in lieu meeting that was held. Mr. Nimmer stated that the fee in lieu situation had been resolved and prior to start of the joint meeting with County Council; two members of the County Council said the council was withdrawing the proposal to change the distribution of the taxes as it was based on misinformation. Mr. Nimmer stated that prior to the meeting he had supplied the council members with information on how it would impact the school districts. Mr. Nimmer stated that the council now understands that the amount of taxes that would have been redistributed to the county would not provide a big impact on their overall needs as much as it would adversely affect the school districts.

Old Business

Mr. Mike Upton asked for an update on the school security issue. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that at the request of Dr. Gary Burgess letters were sent to School Districts 2, 3 and 4 as they would not be hiring additional school resource officers. Mr. Nimmer explained that the letters asked those districts to please consider hiring the additional officers in the interest of safety.

Mr. Nimmer stated that all districts have invested capital in building safety and security, but the Board is requesting they also invest in human capital as we had requested the Anderson County Legislative Delegation to consider funding. Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board that the delegation stated they would first look for other sources of funding prior to reconsidering the Board's original request.

New Business

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Mr. Mike Brock made a motion to pay the bills as proposed. Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion. Prior to the vote, Mr. Nimmer called the Board's attention to a few items that were listed on the accounts

payable list. Mr. Nimmer stated that the payment to Beers and Associates for the Board's inclusion in the publishing of the coffee book table for Anderson County was less than estimated. Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board that the cost originally approved by the Board was approximately \$3,400, but we were able to take advantage of an early pay discount and the payment came in at \$3,346.50. Mr. Nimmer stated as listed, RSS Restoration and Construction and Serve Pro were to the two contractors that came in to repair the water damage in the back of the building. Mr. Nimmer explained that due to the excessive rainfall we recently experienced, we were made aware of the leak in the roof and the water damage to the interior of the building. The damage also required the replacement of the water heater due to rust caused by the leak. After Mr. Nimmers' detail of those items listed, the Board approved the payments unanimously.

Adjourn

Mr. Draisen 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.