

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**April 18, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Dr. Gary Burgess called the meeting to order in the absence of David Draisen. The Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Mr. Draisen arrived and began presiding over the meeting.

**Board Members Present:**

The following board members were present for the April, 2016 meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Nakia Davis, Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry and Mr. Mike Upton were unable to attend.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Dale Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2016 Board Meeting**

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Gary Burgess. With a unanimous vote, the March minutes were approved.

**Consideration of Anderson School District Three Bond Issues**

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to consider the three bond issues for Anderson School District Three and Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion.

Mr. Keith Martin, Director of Financial Services, then brought several bond issues before the Board for their consideration. The district needs to sell these bonds in May. They are normally sold in September, however, the district has some payments due with a tight deadline. The Bond Anticipation Note for construction of local projects and the payment for the Career Center are due in September. This has put the district on a tight deadline to sell the bonds in May which will give us the opportunity to pay these obligations.

The biggest issue is the 12.5 million bond resolution which was approved in a tax payer referendum to use 8.3 million for local capital projects and 4.2 million is reserved for the Career Center. Dr. Burgess asked what local projects are being done. Mr. Martin answered a new baseball field on campus, an Ag Arena, which will be a great asset with the strong agricultural interest in the community, we are also evaluating a new track at the high school, and a new field house on the football field. There is a lot to consider before final decisions are made.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the bond issue.

The next bond issue is the 1.5 million for technology refresh which will replace all laptops, lab equipment, desktops in classrooms, and will provide several laptop carts that will give students the opportunity to have one-on-one experience in the classroom without actually having their own device which would be too expensive.

Dr. Burgess asked how the laptops are working vs. the textbooks. Mr. Martin said he has heard mixed reviews from his instructional staff. We seem to have a real shortage of text books in our district with the state's shortfall in providing the materials needed and our huge amount of copies.

With no further discussion, the Board voted to approve this bond issue unanimously.

The final bond issue is the 1.3 million bond issue for Large Capital Maintenance projects and also make the payment on our performance contract with ADM that replaced all of our HVAC systems and lighting. It will also be used to supplement a technology acquisition payment. This payment will be the fourth in a series of four and will be paid in December 2016.

With the new money for capital projects, we have been pro-active looking at our roof systems along with a consultant to determine the condition of our roof systems and segments of our buildings. We now have a five year plan to repair all roof segments that are faulty or need replacement. That will prevent us from having to do a huge roof project in the future. Part of that new capital money will be used for preventative maintenance on roof projects, and painting, paving, bleacher replacement, furniture, equipment and any other large ticket items we don't have the operating budget to handle anymore. This will give us the money to pay for large ticket capital items, the performance contract payment, and pay off the technology bonds approved four years ago,

The Board approved the final bond issue with a unanimous vote. Mr. Martin thanked the Board for their consideration and approval.

## **Anderson County Alternative School Report**

Mr. Nimmer reported that as per Ms. Dana Grant's motion from last month, we have now implemented mailing the Alternative School Enrollment Report prior to the monthly Board meeting along with the agenda, etc. He continued stating there were 118 students attending in April 2015 compared with 111 students currently enrolled.

Mr. Draisen mentioned a newspaper article that appeared recently which addressed the financial difficulties the Alternative school is currently experiencing and how the districts are going about fixing this problem. Mr. Brock said there will be a meeting between the district superintendents and the Alternative School representatives this coming Thursday. Then the following Monday the Budget Committee for the Alternative School will meet to build a budget for the year forthcoming based on what is determined at the superintendent's meeting on Thursday.

Dr. Burgess asked if the situation is resolvable under the current structure. Mr. Brock and Mr. Nimmer both answered they may make adjustments and compromises in some of the programs. More discussion will take place before a final determination is made on any changes.

## **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board members that the 2DAC (Two Days at the Capitol) through the South Carolina School Board Association will be held on May 11, 2016 for those in Anderson County that would like to visit with our legislative delegation and other legislators that have key pieces of legislation pending before the SC State House. If you anyone would like to go, they need to let him know as soon as possible.

## **Financial**

Tax Collection: Mr. Nimmer reported that the year-to-date tax collections for each district are still positive. We are closing in on the end of the fiscal year and everyone should be at or exceeding budgeted revenue. Again, a reminder that the Alternative School and County Board percentage will lag behind because some of the monies received are at the back end of the year. Everything looks like it is one to two percent higher than last year.

Assessment Totals: There is basically no change from last month. We may see a slight increase in the assessment totals in April because tax refunds are now being received and that usually results in the sale of more automobiles.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Draisen asked about the sign on the former Bleckley Street building. Mr. Nimmer said it is in the process, he will stay in touch with the City, and will keep everyone posted. Mr. Draisen asked if there is anything we can do if their decision is not favorable to the request to put the signage back up. Mr. Nimmer answered probably not, however, they are considering the request.

## **New Business**

Rev. Dr. Mitchell made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Burgess and was followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Draisen.

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.