

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
December 21, 2009

Board Members Present: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Steve Garrison, Mr. Randy Price, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Jeff Kubu, Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell

Call to Order: Mr. Draisen called the meeting to order. Mr. Mr. Martin presented the invocation.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes—November 16, 2009 Meeting: Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Brock seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: There were no visitors or media present at this meeting.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Ms. Bradberry called attention to the fact that enrollment at the Alternative School is down for this time of year. Mr. Nimmer noted several students who had previously been with the Department of Juvenile Justice have returned to the Alternative School.

Recommendation from the County Board Personnel Committee: Only six candidates of the applicants for the grant writer position met the criteria set by the Personnel Committee. These six applicants were interviewed, and the two candidates offered the position refused the offer. Mr. Nimmer believed one of the main concerns of the candidates was the job being listed as a temporary position. Another problem is finding a candidate with experience in writing grants. Mr. Price asked if the districts being helped by the grant writer would be willing to share the cost. Mr. Price also suggested contacting the districts to see if they might recommend someone for the position. Mr. Nimmer stated the Board agreed to fund the position for one year and after that proposes sharing the cost with the districts. During the interview process one candidate expressed interest in a contract position as opposed to an employment opportunity. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that Research Associates from Columbia could be a possibility if contracting on a per occurrence basis. Mr. Garrison made the recommendation to reopen the search for a grant writer after the first of the year, 2010. During discussion, the Board members agreed this would be a good idea.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- A.** Registrations and room reservations have been made for the annual South Carolina School Boards Association conference being held at Myrtle Beach at the Kingston Plantation on February 18 through 21, 2010.
- B.** The Manual Committee consists of Ms. Bradberry, Mr. Garrison, and Mr. Kubu. Mr. John Sherard was on the committee before his resignation. Mr. Nimmer stated a new committee member could be chosen or the Manual Committee meetings could be opened to all the Board members who wished to attend. A meeting of the Manual Committee was tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Tax collections are as they should be at this time, but more information concerning tax collections will be available after January 15, 2010. Delinquent taxes are being collected from the prior year.

B Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer reported assessment totals are holding steady with autos going up slightly. Cuts have been authorized by the state but have not been handed down from the State Department of Education to the districts at this time.

Old Business:

County Board Projects Update:

A. Mr. Garrison recommended Mr. Kubu take the position of Chairman of the ad hoc County Board Study Committee due to the death of the former Chairman, Mr. Mike Gray. Mr. Kubu agreed to take the position.

New Business:

a. ADM Accounts Payable:

b. SFS Accounts Payable: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve both the County Board accounts payable and the School Food Service accounts payable. Mr. Price seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

c. Mr. Martin made the motion to move the January Board meeting from the third Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday, to January 11, 2010. Mr. Price seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously. Mr. Garrison suggested having the Manual Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. before the Board meeting to which the Board members agreed.

d. Mr. Price suggested a plaque be displayed in memory of Mr. Mike Gray. Mr. Price noted even though Mr. Gray had a short tenure on the Board, his impact was impressive. Mr. Nimmer proposed a plaque to hang in the entrance of the Board building. After several different suggestions as to how the plaque should be created, Mr. Nimmer stated he would put some proposals together for the plaque to present to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board adjourned for the annual Christmas dinner at Tucker's Restaurant.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jeff Kubu, Acting Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.

