

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
July 20, 2009 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Jeff Kubu, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Mike Gray, Mr. Randy Price and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Mr. Steve Garrison

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 flag.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Gray made the motion to approve the agenda with a second by Mr. Brock. The Board agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes—June 8, 2009 Meeting: Mr. Gray made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kubu seconded the motion. The Board agreed unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed the visitors: Ms. Lee D'Andrea, Mr. Maurice Lopez, Mr. David Brooks, Ms. Betty Bagley, and Ms. Gail Southard.

Consideration of District One Budget: Mr. Martin presented Anderson School District One's proposed budget request in the amount of \$54,228,920.00 and made the motion to approve the proposed budget. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. The proposed budget was approved with Mr. Draisen, Ms. Bradberry, Mr. Price, Mr. Martin, Mr. Brock, Mr. Gray and Rev. Dr. Mitchell voting yea. Mr. Kubu abstained from voting.

Consideration of District Two Budget: Mr. Brock presented Anderson School District Two's proposed budget request in the amount of \$23,159,655.00. Mr. Brock made the motion to approve the proposed budget with a second by Ms. Bradberry. The proposed budget was approved with Mr. Draisen, Ms. Bradberry, Mr. Price, Mr. Martin, Mr. Brock, Mr. Gray and Rev. Dr. Mitchell voting yea. Mr. Kubu abstained from voting.

Consideration of District Three Budget: Mr. Gray presented Anderson School District Three's proposed budget request in the amount of \$16,411,181.00. Mr. Gray made the motion to approve the proposed budget with a second by Rev. Dr. Mitchell. The proposed budget was approved with Mr. Draisen, Ms. Bradberry, Mr. Price, Mr. Martin, Mr. Brock, Mr. Gray and Rev. Dr. Mitchell voting yea. Mr. Kubu abstained from voting.

Consideration of District Four Budget: Mr. Price presented Anderson School District Four's proposed budget request in the amount of \$22,770,393.00. Mr. Price made the motion to approve the proposed budget with a second by Ms. Bradberry. The proposed budget was approved with Mr. Draisen, Ms. Bradberry, Mr. Price, Mr. Martin, Mr. Brock, Mr. Gray and Rev. Dr. Mitchell voting yea. Mr. Kubu abstained from voting.

Consideration of District Five Budget: Rev. Dr. Mitchell presented Anderson School District Five's proposed budget in the amount of \$84,868,380.00. Rev. Dr. Mitchell made the motion to approve the proposed budget with a second by Mr. Price. The proposed budget was approved

with Mr. Draisen, Ms. Bradberry, Mr. Price, Mr. Martin, Mr. Brock, Mr. Gray and Rev. Dr. Mitchell voting yea. Mr. Kubu abstained from voting.

Comments made during discussion periods after budgets were approved:

District One: No comments

District Two: Ms. Bradberry stated she was very disappointed in District Two because of the amount of money spent per student in face to face instruction and the amount spent for the superintendent and the Board which clearly shows a large difference. The percentage is second lowest in the county in face to face teaching in a district with the fewest students in the county. She wished the District Two Board would give consideration to getting more money in the classroom.

District Three: Mr. Gray commended Mr. Keith Martin and Ms. Gail Southard in presenting the budget information as requested. Mr. Price asked if District Three will be able to operate with a five percent reduction. Mr. Gray stated he believes District Three is confident they can operate if everything comes to pass that is supposed to. Ms. Bradberry commended District Three in the amount of money spent in the classroom because it is one of the highest in the county. Ms. Bradberry expressed her disappointment that to balance their budget, District Three had to build in furlough days for teachers as well as administrators.

District Four: Ms. Bradberry said District Four, according to the insight report, is similar to District Two in that they have the least amount of dollars going into face to face instruction in the classroom. They have the highest administrator and board cost of the county. Ms. Bradberry requested they work on this for the future year. Mr. Price made known to the Board that the new District Four superintendent is well aware of the existing issues and is working to get things in line as they should be.

District Five: Ms. Bradberry commended District Five for having the most dollars spent on face to face instruction in the classroom and the least amount of dollars spent for the superintendent and the school board.

Mr. Draisen congratulated the school districts for having all budgets approved.

The lone abstention during voting was from a County Board member who was not able to participate in the budget workshops due to injury.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock had no report at this time but informed the Board there would be an Alternative School Board meeting next week.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

A. The County Board and Alternative School budget was unanimously passed by the Anderson County Legislative Delegation on June 24, 2009. The County Board was commended by the Delegation for the constructions of the budget.

At this time, Mr. Draisen commended Ms. Bradberry for the thorough job she did as chairman of the Budget Committee.

Financial:

Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board the districts would be booking additional local revenue through advalorem taxes through August 31st making every district close to 100%. Mr. Nimmer met with Anderson County Treasurer, Jason Phillips, to acquire information on collections and Mr. Phillips reported they are working to post properties with over 8500 properties identified to be posted for tax sale. The most negatively impacted at this point are District Four and District Three. Mr. Nimmer explained the definition of "delinquent" in the eyes of the Anderson

County Treasurer is anything not paid by the first penalty date. In true definition it is anything from the prior tax year that is collected.

Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer stated as assessment totals continue to drop the 92½% is actually being increased to 95% or 96%.

Old Business:

County Board Projects Update: Mr. Gray reported the sub committee would like to recommend a public presentation be made by the staff of the Strom Thurmond Institute to include the members of the Anderson County Legislative Delegation and all members of the individual districts' Board of Trustees. The committee believes the approval and endorsement of the Legislative Delegation is needed to move forward with any plans to implement various scenarios and recommendations made in the study. Following the presentation to the above mentioned group and assuming a positive response from the Delegation, the Study Committee will meet to develop further recommendations as to implementation. Each step in the process will be brought before the full Board for approval. The motion at this time is to proceed with the presentation to the Anderson County Legislative Delegation and all of the members of the individual Board of Trustees. No recommendation for implementation of the results of the study is currently being brought before you. Therefore the ad hoc Study Committee makes the motion to schedule a meeting with the Anderson County Legislative Delegation members and all members of all districts' Board of Trustees as soon as possible in a location of sufficient size to handle all invitees. Mr. Gray submitted this recommendation for the approval of the Anderson County Board of Education. Mr. Nimmer stated the members of the Anderson County Legislative Delegation and members of the Board of Trustees of all districts would receive an invitation and the meeting will be open to the public as space allows. A date for the meeting will be determined by the availability of the Strom Thurmond Institute and the availability of the meeting place. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable:

B. SFS Accounts Payable: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to pay both the ADM accounts payable and the School Food Service accounts payable. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Mr. Price asked that a welcome letter be sent to the new principal of Pendleton High School from the County Board of Education.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education

This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.

