

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
March 16, 2009 6:00 P.M.

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

Board Members Absent: All were present.

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: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes—February 16,2009 Meeting: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Gray seconded the motion. The Board agreed unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed Ms. Liz Carey of the Anderson Independent-Mail and visitor, Mr. Dan McConnell to the meeting.

Approval of Sale of District One Vehicles and Equipment: Mr. Garrison made the motion to approve the sale of said items. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Ms. Bradberry, Mr. Draisen, Mr. Price, Mr. Brock, Mr. Martin, Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Gray and Mr. Garrison voted to approve the motion. Mr. Kubu voted against approval of the motion. Mr. Kubu explained his decision to vote against the motion was based on lack of information concerning which items were for sale.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported there were few changes made since last month's report.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- A. Each Board member was given a disc created by Mr. Draisen and copies made by Mr. Nimmer with information collected at the annual meeting of the South Carolina School Boards Association in February. Mr. Nimmer explained the discs contain information on budget issues and changes in state law that have occurred dealing with the education accountability act and how it can be more closely reconciled with federal legislation.
- B. Mr. Nimmer informed Mr. Beville the Board is interested in pursuing the discussion of purchase of the County Board property by the city. The city asked for a space breakdown of the building which Mr. Nimmer provided to them. Once a decision is

made by the city they will be back in touch with the County Board members for further discussion. Mr. Draisen added he would like to see the County Board form an advocacy group in the community to keep them informed of Board projects. Mr. Draisen made the Board members aware of several Roberts Rules of Order procedures he learned in a workshop at the conference. A suggestion was made to appoint a Board member to study parliamentary procedure to advise the Board on the correct procedures for future meetings. Mr. Price made the motion for Mr. Kubu to be the Board's parliamentarian. Mr. Gray seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Financial:

- A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer reported tax collections are consistent among the districts at this time. He said cuts are beginning to be seen. Property tax relief of Tier 3 has not been affected by cuts, but other property tax relief can and may be affected by cuts. He advised the Board to notice the more state funding a district receives, the lower the percentage they have collected to date, as in District Two and District Three.
- B. Assessment Totals:** There will possibly be some change in assessed value due to the large number of appeals received by the Assessor's office. The sale of new vehicles is reflected in assessed value as well. Assessed value for vehicles continues to decline as sales continue to decline. Ms. Bradberry asked why there is a difference between vehicles being listed in the assessments as 6% and some listed as 10 ½%. Mr. Nimmer explained personal automobiles have been ratcheted down to 6% and commercial vehicles are still listed at 10 ½ %.

Old Business:

1. Mr. Gray explained the Strom Thurmond Institute was scheduled to give a presentation at this meeting. Due to discrepancies discovered in their information, they postponed their report until the errors were resolved.
2. Ms. Bradberry reported the Ad Hoc Manuals Committee met with Watson Felder and the Clemson students working on revision of Board and employee manuals to advise on contents and grouping of material. The students may not have the whole project completed by the end of the school year, but they will have the manuals more organized, making completion easier. Mr. Garrison stated the students were given table of contents for both manuals and were helped in revision of some information. Mr. Garrison was impressed with the students who are from many different areas of study at Clemson University.
3. Ms. Bradberry reported the Budget Committee finalized the format for all districts to use when constructing their budgets. The Budget Committee is aiming for

completion of budgets in April, 2009. If districts follow the format, the Board will be able to see where all money is expected to be spent.

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. Mr. Brock seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

C. Mr. Draisen informed the Board the letter dealing with management of school level cash accounts had been sent.

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.

