

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, Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Randy Price, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Mr. Mike Gray, Mr. Steve Garrison, Mr. Jeff Kubu

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. Mr. Price thanked the men and women who serve in our armed forces for their dedicated service to our country.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes—October 19, 2009 Meeting: Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the minutes. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board approved with the exception of Mr. Draisen who abstained from voting due to his absence from the October 19, 2009 meeting.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed the visitor: Mr. Bill Baker.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported the present enrollment is 72 students at the Alternative School which is the same as last month. Three high school students and four middle school students are expected to enroll soon. Ms. Bradberry stated if children stay in South Carolina they can be tracked. It is very difficult to keep track of those who move out of state.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- a. A dear friend of the County Board, Mr. Brantley Jordan, passed away. Mr. Jordan was faithful to attend all the Board meetings as long as he was able.
- b. All districts with the exception of Anderson School District Four have responded to the County Board's request to report results of the 4.04% cut to the districts.
- c. The next meeting will be right before the Christmas dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Tucker's Restaurant on December 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. after which dinner will be served.
- d. The South Carolina School Boards Association annual convention will be held February 18 thru February 21, 2009 at Myrtle Beach at the Kingston Plantation.
- e. The Board members were given a general information form from the South Carolina School Boards Association to fill out.

Financial:

Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: All districts are where they should with collections at this time based on budget figures, which are annual figures.

Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer explained assessment totals have been declining over the previous twelve months due primarily to slow sales in automobiles. Depreciation was outstripping sale of new vehicles. In order to adequately estimate what figures were going to be, the growth anticipated for 2008 was scaled back by 50% to allow for the continued trend. If that trend reverses itself then you will see the \$627,000 figure begin to trend upward. Mr. Nimmer believed it was a good decision made by the auditor to hold values in a conservative light.

Old Business:

County Board Projects Update:

- A.** Ms. Bradberry asked the Manual Committee to meet prior to the January Board meeting for final editing of the employee and Board manuals. She asked the committee members to study the manuals prior to the meeting.
- B.** Mr. Price asked if the school superintendents had made suggestions concerning the Strom Thurmond Institute study. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board letters had been sent to the superintendents asking for input, and they were given until January 1, 2010 to reply. Mr. Price stressed the importance of every child in Anderson County having equal opportunity for equal education. Mr. Price also stated he would like the study to be presented to the mayor and delegation. Mr. Nimmer has already presented the study to a rotary club and to a Chamber of Commerce group where he distributed copies of the study. Mr. Kubu and Mr. Nimmer have met to create a format as directed by the Board for presenting the study to organizations.

New Business:

- A.** ADM Accounts Payable:
- B.** SFS Accounts Payable: Rev. Dr. Mitchell made the motion to approve both the County Board accounts payable and the School Food Service accounts payable. Mr. Brock seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Meeting 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.

