

Anderson County Board of Education  
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625  
October 19, 2009

**Board Members Present:** Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Jeff Kubu, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Mike Gray, Mr. Steve Garrison, Rev. Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio

**Board Members Absent:** Randy Price, David Draisen

**Call to Order:** Ms. Bradberry called the meeting to order. Mr. Brock presented the invocation. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

**Approval of Minutes**—September 21, 2009 Meeting: Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period:** Ms. Bradberry welcomed the visitors: Mr. Titus Ledbetter, Mr. Bill Baker and Dr. Lee D'Andrea.

**Approval of Anderson School District One Sale:** Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the sealed bid sale of an activity bus. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

**Anderson County Alternative School Report:** Mr. Brock reported a present enrollment of 72 students at the Alternative School. Mr. Brock explained the transfer in lieu program already in place at the Alternative School as follows: A student is expelled from school and becomes eligible for enrollment at the Alternative School. At the conclusion of the academic year, the student's expulsion ends. If, in the opinion of the Alternative School Director, that student is not ready to return to his school of residence, and if space is available, then the student may be placed in attendance at the Alternative School at the beginning of a subsequent school year. This policy has been in place since the school's inception. Dr. D'Andrea explained a student is never taken out of the data base of his or her home school when sent to the Alternative School. She stated the school continues to draw funds on the students when they are placed at the Alternative School. Mr. Nimmer explained the process the districts follow when reimbursing the Alternative School for the placement of the students from each district. Mr. Kubu requested a report of the number of students expelled from each district for the year and the number of students who graduate from the Alternative School.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Nimmer reported:

- a. Attendance program yearly school visits are being made with Cindy Pruitt, Attendance Director, and are scheduled to be completed this week. Ms. Amie Branyon, program coordinator for the deferred prosecution program with JDPP, accompanied Mr. Nimmer and Ms. Pruitt on some visits. Mr. Nimmer and Ms. Pruitt have received many positive comments about the attendance program as well as the mental health program.
- b. Mr. Nimmer thanked the Board for their concern during his wife's time of surgery and recovery and reported she is doing well.
- c. The grant writer position has been advertised, numerous applications have been received, and the interview process will begin soon under direction of the Personnel Committee.

**Financial:**

**Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer explained collections to date are in line with what they are usually this time of year. Ups and downs are mainly due to delinquencies being collected in the districts. The tax sale is slated for the first week in November.

**Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer stated assessment totals are holding steady.

**Old Business:**

**County Board Projects Update:**

- a. Mr. Gray reported he wrote a letter to the Strom Thurmond Institute requesting clarification of items in the report.
- b. Ms. Bradberry suggested everyone study Board and employee manuals and discuss them at the next Board meeting.

**New Business:**

- A. ADM Accounts Payable:
- B. SFS Accounts Payable: Mr. Garrison 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.

