

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
January 11, 2010

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

Board Members Absent: All members 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 American Flag.

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

Approval of Minutes—December 21, 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: Mr. Draisen welcomed visitor, Mr. Bill Baker.

Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported enrollment is up at the Alternative School, due to an increase in middle school attendance.

Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2010: Mr. Garrison nominated Mr. Draisen as Chairman of the Anderson County Board of Education with a second made by Ms. Bradberry. Mr. Kubu made the motion to close the nominations. The Board agreed unanimously that Mr. Draisen should remain in office as the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Kubu nominated Rev. Dr. Mitchell as Vice Chairman of the Anderson County Board of Education with a second made by Mr. Price. Mr. Brock made the motion to close the nominations. The Board agreed unanimously to elect Rev. Dr. Mitchell as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Garrison nominated Mr. Brock as secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Mr. Kubu nominated Ms. Bradberry for secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education. Mr. Garrison then withdrew his motion to nominate Mr. Brock as Board secretary and Mr. Price withdrew his second to the nomination. Both Mr. Garrison and Mr. Price agreed with the nomination of Ms. Bradberry as Board Secretary. The Board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Bradberry as Board Secretary.

Administrator's Report:

- A. All arrangements have been made for the South Carolina School Boards Association Conference.
- B. Mr. Nimmer was asked to research and put together names of former Board members who passed away during their term in office. In going back twenty years he discovered Dr. Dorothy R. Robertson passed away during her 1991-2000 term in office, Mr. John Sullivan passed away during his 1993-1997 term in office, and Mr. Mike Gray passed away recently

while serving his 2006-2010 term. Mr. Nimmer will have a prototype plaque created with appropriate wording as a memorial to be presented to the Board for approval at the February meeting.

- C.** Mr. Nimmer made copies of the Anderson School District Four budget cuts for the Board members showing 4.04% cuts made by the State.
- D.** The 5% cuts are still to be determined based on the decision of the State Department of Education.
- E.** The Personnel Committee has reopened the grant writing position which is being held open until January 29, 2010. The position is being promoted primarily through the Anderson County School Districts as well as some professional organizations. Information has also been sent to Anderson University and Clemson University.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: The tax collections reported are through December 31, 2009. The big tax month for everyone is January through the 15th. At this time collections for everyone are in line with where they should be and are surprisingly strong given the time of year and the state of the economy. Mr. Garrison asked if the budget numbers were for 2009-10 and if they reflected the adjustments in the cuts. Mr. Nimmer replied the budget numbers shown are the raw numbers that were approved, and those will not change. What you will see is money moved within line item by districts, reported Mr. Nimmer, but we are dealing strictly with revenue at this point which has nothing to do with expenditures. Ms. Bradberry asked when the audits would come in and Mr. Nimmer said they would be coming in to the County Board in the next four to six weeks.

B Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer reported assessment totals are holding even and not going up and down as they did last year. There was a slight dip in the sale of automobiles in December which is normal.

Old Business:

County Board Projects Update:

A. Mrs. Bradberry reported the Manual Committee decided to present the Board manual at the next regular meeting. There will be a Manual Committee meeting at 4:00P.M. just before the next regular Board meeting on February 15, 2010.

B. Mr. Draisen brought to the attention of the Board that Mr. Gray's position as Board member should be filled. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that Anderson School District Three was meeting this night to decide upon a recommendation for the position left absent due to Mr. Gray's death. The Legislative Delegation will take the recommendation under advisement but will also promote the opening to others who may be interested. The Delegation then makes the final decision for appointment of the position. That will either be done at a special called Delegation meeting in Columbia or the next scheduled Delegation meeting which is in June.

C. Mr. Kubu informed the Board he would remain a member of the ad hoc Study Committee, but he would not be able to serve as chairman of the committee due to a personal conflict.

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. Martin seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

c. Schedule of County Board Meetings for 2010: All meetings will be scheduled for the third Monday of the month with the exception of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday in January. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the Board meeting schedule, Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Acting Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.