

Anderson County Board of Education  
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625  
October 18, 2010

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

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. Randy Price

**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--- September 20, 2010 Meeting:** Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting and Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period:** Mr. Draisen welcomed the visitors, Ms. Louise Trammel and Ms. Karen McCrary.

**Anderson County Alternative School Report:** Mr. Brock reported total enrollment is up from the previous 80 to 91 this month. Ms. Bradberry asked if the letter was discussed that was sent to the Alternative School Board requesting reconsideration of filling the now vacant counselor's position. Mr. Nimmer replied the letter was read, and the Alternative School Board agreed to search for possible ways to fill the position. Ms. Bradberry thanked Mr. Brock for being the County Board's representative to the Alternative School Board.

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

- A. Condolences were given to Mr. Brock on the passing of his mother.
- B. Mr. Kubu stated his wife, a teacher in Anderson School District Five, had her request for funds for the classroom through the new County Board web site fully funded by someone in Maryland. Ms. Chivers, County Board Grant Writer, is responsible for the creation of the web site and will be at the next Board meeting to give a report of her progress. Ms. Chivers created the web site through DonorsChoose.org, an organization where teachers can post requests for funds for the classroom. On October 19, 2010, Ms. Chivers and Mr. Nimmer will be attending the annual conference for all South Carolina Education Foundations.
- C. Mr. Nimmer presented an article from the State newspaper stating the Board of Economic Advisors met again and, through the first three months of the fiscal year state tax revenue is up 3.8%. The revenue was up 4.1% for the first two months. The article states they may be revising revenue projections in the future. Not only did revenue outpace last year, it was projected to fall.
- D. Mr. Nimmer and Ms. Pruitt are in the middle of annual school visits, and they are going exceptionally well. Sixteen schools have already been visited and the visits will be completed over the next few weeks. On September 28, 2010, we hosted the second annual Sharing Services for Students Achievement Conference at the Anderson County Library with 75 attendees with representatives from all five districts
- E. Mr. Nimmer stated he will get the information on Alternative School expulsions and referrals and how these tie into the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy concept.

**F.** Christmas party details will be given at the next Board meeting. Mr. Kubu made his request for different seating arrangements at this year's Christmas party so that everyone can communicate.

At this time Mr. Kubu asked if Mr. Nimmer would be attending any District Five meetings discussing drawing different lines for the new schools. Mr. Nimmer said he is aware the meetings will start the first of 2011. Attendance lines will be redrawn due to the opening of the two new middle schools. Soon to be published census data may affect other district boards, congressional districts and state house districts as well. That may affect everybody who is in a single member district. The area in which a Board member serves may be redrawn. Census information will be published no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> and that information will be used to determine the representation.

**Financial:**

**A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer explained tax collections are amazingly consistent considering where we are in the year. There has been virtually no revenue compared to what will be seen in the month of October. Mr. Nimmer explained delinquent taxes have come in due to the tax sale on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The difference in collection percentages is due to delinquent tax collections.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer reported assessment totals are very similar to last month because growth was not posted by the end of September but has been posted presently for the county. The report on October 31, 2010 will have growth in real property from the 2009 year.

**Old Business:**

**County Board Projects Update:** Mr. Garrison announced the recommendation by the County Board Projects Committee would be coming later.

**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.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Garrison made the motion to go into executive session. Mr. Kubu seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

**Executive Session:** During executive session no decisions were made and no policies were voted on.

After executive session, Mr. Garrison made the motion to contract with Martin Advertising to assist in the dissemination of information contained in the Strom Thurmond Institute study. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Ms. Bradberry asked to have a dollar amount stated. Mr. Garrison presented the amount of \$30,000 as a preliminary budget. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

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.



