

Anderson County Board of Education  
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625  
April 19, 2010

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

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. Steve Garrison

**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. Mr. Shawn McGee, representing Area 6, took the oath of office and was sworn in as a Board member by Mr. Draisen.

**Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Kubu seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes—March 15, 2010 Meeting:** Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting and Mr. Brock seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Visitors:** Mr. Bill Baker, Mr. Randolph Dillingham

**Anderson County Alternative School Report:** Mr. Dillingham reported a record enrollment at the Alternative School this year with an expectation of three to five students graduating on May 28, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Bradberry asked what happens to students who are dismissed from the Alt School. Mr. Dillingham reported they are generally sent back to the Alt School in the fall and are successful the following year. Students are not sent to the Department of Juvenile Justice unless they have a prior criminal offense. Mr. Price asked about gangs in Anderson County, and Mr. Dillingham replied there is gang related activity or gang members in every high school in our county and probably in South Carolina. Mr. Dillingham said Anderson County Schools are doing a great job of having interventions in place to prevent gang related activity. Mr. Kubu asked how budget cuts are affecting the Alternative School. Mr. Dillingham explained the Alt School would be affected by the EFA budget cuts, but right now the school is in good shape. Mr. Dillingham stressed this has been a very difficult year at the Alternative School because of major criminal behavior of many of the students.

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

- A.** Please let the office know if you will be attending the Day at the Capital on Wednesday, April 28, 2010.
- B.** Budget Workshop schedules were distributed to Board members. All budget workshop meetings will be held within a two day period the third week of June, 2010.
- C.** Final copies of Board and employee manuals were distributed.
- D.** there are two new employees at the County Board: (1) Ms. Petra Clay-Jones, ACSW, LISW-CP, Mental Health Counselor and (2) Ms. Kitty Chivers, Grant Writer.

**Financial:**

**A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer explained in dealing with local revenue, collections are right on target and totals are where they were expected to be due to late taxes from last year being collected. Also, delinquent taxes are higher. The third penalty date came through in March which prompted some late payments. Mr. Kubu asked why School District Two was behind, and Mr. Nimmer replied they may not have as many taxes delinquent. For example, Anderson School District Five just collected on a construction site. Michelin paid in Anderson School District Four which is a blend of taxes and fees. Mr. Nimmer explained Tier 1 and Tier 2 are frozen and on a fixed schedule. Tier 3 is divided into nine equal payments and one catch up payment at the end of the year. Homestead taxes are due on April 20, 2010, and Tier 3 money will be released on April 27<sup>th</sup> rather than on the usual 15<sup>th</sup> date.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer reported a slight increase in terms of assessed value due to the settling of appeals which are now on the books.

**Old Business:**

**County Board Projects Update:** Mr. Nimmer reported the completion of the Board and Employee Manuals which were distributed to Board members earlier in the meeting.

**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. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

**C. Mr. Price** expressed his concern for motorcycle safety on roads today, being a member of a concerned motorcycle group who would like to take driver's education into the schools. Mr. Draisen believed this would have to be discussed with the individual districts.

Meeting Adjourned  
Respectfully submitted,

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

