

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
May 17, 2010

Board Members Present: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Steve Garrison, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Jeff Kubu, Mr. Shawn McGee, 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—April 19, 2010 Meeting: Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed visitors: Ms. Jan Bratcher, Mr. Keith Martin, Ms. Dawn Busha, Mr. Maurice Lopez, Mr. David Brooks, and Ms. Liz Carey.

Consideration of District Three Bond Issue & TAN: During discussion Ms. Bradberry asked what a bond could be used for. In response Mr. Keith Martin explained the District Three bond consisted of two issues: (1) the 1/2 million dollar bond issue which can be used to purchase activity busses, paving and transportation needs, and stadium renovation. (2) the Tan issue which is the general operating cash flow fund. Mr. Martin also reported the 8% money, which is figured as 8% of a district's assessed value, can be used to purchase items not in a building fund. In 2008, the 8% money in District Three was used to purchase technology for the classrooms which left a zero balance in their 8% fund. Mr. McGee amended his original motion by making the motion to approve the 1/2 million dollar general obligation bond and million dollar TAN. Mr. Brock seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Consideration of District Four TAN: Ms. Bradberry made the motion for approval of the District Four TAN. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

County Board Budget Committee Report: Ms. Bradberry, chairwoman of the Budget Committee, presented the Anderson County Board of Education budget for approval. She explained the budget is essentially the same as last year's budget with a 1% increase. Mr. Nimmer made it clear the expenditure items in the budget were balanced against current year expenditures in the endeavor to be frugal and absorb the addition of the Grant Writing Position which will hopefully be an income producing position.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported enrollment of 192 students since the beginning of the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Brock acknowledged Seth Marton, the Alternative School student recently deceased due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Recommendation of Personnel Committee: Mr. Garrison made the recommendation to hire Ms. Petra Clay-Jones to fill the position left vacant due to Ms. Kari-Beth Harrison's resignation. Ms. Clay-Jones' qualifications include being licensed as a mental health supervisor allowing the Board to hire mental health interns under her tutelage. Mr. Garrison also stated Ms. Clay-Jones, who has a wealth of child and adolescent counseling experience, is presently filling in for Ms. Harrison who has been on maternity leave. The Board agreed to hire Ms. Clay-Jones as a full time mental health counselor.

Discussion of Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) Program: Mr. Nimmer explained the State Treasurer's office now has the ability to electronically transfer funds that come from the South Carolina Department of Education monthly to the school districts, Alternative School and the Anderson County Board of Education. At present a courier is being paid to drive to Columbia, pick up the money and bring it back to Anderson. The LGIP program makes it possible for the districts, Alternative School and County Board to have instant access to funds as they become available. Fees for electronic transfer will be paid out of proceeds from interest being generated from the LGIP account. Cost of courier is presently being spread among all districts. With the audit trail now in place, the treasurer has to create an account, money will be transferred from State Treasurer to Anderson County Treasurer, County Treasurer will authorize release of funds, County Board approves the transaction and funds are then transferred to the school district banks. There is a redundant system in place if the internet were to fail. The system is in place to begin in April. Mr. Garrison made the motion to implement the electronic transfer system and Mr. Brock seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- A. Dr. Doris Cole, wife of former Board member, Dr. Keith Cole, passed away and the Board made a donation to the Cole Foundation.
- B. Day at the Capital will be April 28, 2010. Please notify the office if you wish to attend.
- C. Three districts have scheduled for budget meetings to be held the week of June 21, 2010.

Financial:

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget: Everyone is consistent on the local side, and we will continue to monitor that until the end of the year.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer reported a slight uptake due to an increase in automobile sales.

Old Business:

County Board Projects Update: Ms. Bradberry, Chairman of the Manual Committee, made the recommendation to adopt the Board manual. Ms. Bradberry made the Board aware of corrections that needed to be made to the employee manual and made the recommendation for the Board to adopt the employee manual with corrections. The Board agreed unanimously to adopt the Board and employee manuals.

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. Garrison

seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously. Mr. Nimmer made the Board aware of final payment to the Strom Thurmond Institute.

C. Resolution: Ms. Bradberry read the resolution asking the South Carolina General Assembly to support schools during this economic crisis and to prevent loss of more teacher jobs by providing new revenue streams such as removing tax exemptions, enforcing online sales tax collections and increasing South Carolina's lowest in the nation cigarette tax, directing a portion of the proceeds to public education. During discussion Mr. Kubu expressed his opinion disapproving of some of the wording of the resolution. He believed the County Board should write their own letter instead of adopting the wording of the one read. Mr. Kubu made it known he did not agree with the online tax proposal. Ms. Bradberry made the motion to approve the resolution. Rev. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Bradberry, Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Draisen, Mr. Martin, Mr. Brock and Mr. Garrison voting yea and Mr. Kubu voting nay.

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.

