

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
November 15, 2010

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Randy Price, Mr. Shawn McGee

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. Steve Garrison seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes--- October 18, 2010 Meeting: Ms. Bradberry requested the addition of the words "After executive session" to the minutes under Executive Session. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting with this addition, and Mr. Kubu seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Draisen welcomed the visitors, Ms. Kitty Chivers and Mr. Keith Martin.

Anderson School District Three Sale of Assets: Mr. Garrison made the motion to approve Anderson School District Three's request to sell two busses. Mr. Martin explained the school only paid \$750 for each bus and Omni Source offered them \$7.50 per lb. for the busses. Mr. Kubu seconded the motion and the Board agreed unanimously.

Anderson County Alternative School Report: Mr. Brock reported a total enrollment of 101 this month. Some students have gone back to their home schools, and some have withdrawn from the Alternative School. The Board members discussed the positive effect the 9th Grade Academy has had on the Alternative School. The question was asked if a child could earn a diploma from the arts school. Some did not believe a diploma could be acquired but agreed more information was needed. The Alternative School Board meets Monday, November 22, 2010.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer reported:

- A.** Ms. Kitty Chivers gave an update on the grant writing program. Due to intense competition the Bi-lo grant was not funded. The data collected for this grant can be used to write other grants in the future. Ms. Chivers and Mr. Nimmer plan to contact other organizations in order to build partnerships that will benefit public education. Ms. Chivers is in the process of meeting with district grant writers to share information concerning federal grants. The Carol White grant is one of the grants Ms. Chivers will be writing in 2011. This grant requires extensive data collection which can be used for future grants. The data can also be used by each individual district to suit their needs. A web site, Anderson Schools-SC.org, has been created by Ms. Chivers to present Anderson County Schools to granting organizations as one unit, not five separate districts. The web site has received positive response from teachers and other visitors to the web site.
- B.** The December 20, 2010 meeting will be held at Tucker's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served after the meeting.

- C.** The South Carolina School Boards Association will have the annual Board member conference in February, 2011, at the Embassy Suites at Myrtle Beach. The new Board members are required to attend the New Board Orientation conference during this time.
- D.** The school visits made by Ms. Cindy Pruitt, Attendance /Dropout Prevention Coordinator, and Mr. Nimmer have been completed and were well worth the time invested. Attendance referral guidelines and updated forms were given to each school to aid in the process of referring truant students.
- E.** Martin Smith and Co., auditors for the County Board and Alternative School, has completed the audits.
- F.** Jean Nimmer will be having surgery in Greenville on December 7, 2010.

Financial:

- A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:** Tax collections are consistent and normal for this time of year. The state revenue is ahead of anticipated amount.
- B. Assessment Totals October 31, 2010:** Real estate growth for 2009 posted only \$15, 000,000. The value of a mil for last month was \$634,275, approximately the same as five years ago.

Old Business:

County Board Projects Update: Mr. Garrison made the motion to name the study conducted by the Strom Thurmond Institute the Mike Gray Study in honor of Mr. Gray who is now deceased. Mr. Gray was responsible for the origination of the study with the goal in mind of equal education for all children in Anderson County. Mr. Kubu seconded the motion. The motion carried with six yea votes. Ms. Bradberry abstained from voting.

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable:

B. SFS Accounts Payable: Mr. Brock made the motion to pay the County Board and School Food Service accounts payable.

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.

