

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
December 9, 2013

Call to Order

Mr. David Draisen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation after which everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present:

The following Board Members were present: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Dale Martin, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Craig Drennon and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

The following Board Members were not in attendance: Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Mike Upton and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Craig Drennon seconded the agenda and was followed by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2013 Meeting

Dr. Burgess moved to approve the minutes with corrections to some statements made during the November 2013 meeting. Mr. Brock seconded the approval of the minutes. Dr. Draisen asked Dr. Burgess if he wanted the corrections as a matter of record. Dr. Burgess replied yes and read aloud the changes.

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Dr. Gary Burgess asked Superintendent Wilson to assist him to envision what Southwood Academy under the current proposed structure would provide for a high school student.

Dr. Burgess asked the District Board Five trustees that were in attendance had a promise been breached that was made to these students and how would they deal with that breach of promise.

Dr. Burgess was also concerned about the fee charged to parents for information requested under the FOIA. He saw this act as antagonistic.

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Dr. Burgess questioned the referendum, which he stated in actuality is a tax payers vote to tax themselves, and asked would they have voted on this issue if there was no intent of the school being expanded through grade twelve offering a high school diploma.

Dr. Burgess stated although the decision may be legal it does not make it ethical. Dr. Burgess stated that at the end of the last fiscal year that each school district had a tax overage and District Five's overage could cover the expansion.

With a unanimous vote the minutes, with corrections, were approved by the Board.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period

No representatives from media or public were in attendance to address the Board.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

Due to the earlier date of the December 2013 meeting, there was no report for the Alternative School.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer reminded the board members of the upcoming SCSBA 2014 Annual Conference to be held in Myrtle Beach February 20-23, 2014. Mr. Nimmer told members present that all members had a room reservation at the Embassy Suites and the he needed to know as soon as possible so that rooms that would not be utilized could be released back into the room block at the Embassy Suites and registration for the actual conference could be made the first week in January of 2014.

Financial

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget

Mr. Nimmer reported that tax collections are increasing and will continue until mid-January. Collections to date have been remarkably consistent with District Four experiencing a proportionately higher rate due to the makeup of tax base within the District.

B. Assessment Totals – November 30, 2013

Mr. Nimmer stated that there was no assessment totals available because those reports are not compiled until the 15th of the month but would be available at next month's meeting.

Old Business

Mr. Brock mentioned that as reported at the Alternative School's last board meeting that they are having a rough time with disciplinary problems that are gang related. Mr. Brock continued that these students are carrying weapons away from school and taking pictures and putting them on the internet after school. Ms. Bradberry stated that she recently observed students at a bus stop passing around a gun at Fairview Apartments. Ms. Bradberry stated that she called the Anderson County Sheriff's Department to report but was not sure of the outcome. Mr. Brock stated that Mr. Dillingham's intentions to get every student through the program was not going to be possible because of the students that were being referred to the school are experiencing more serious discipline issues. Many do not have a desire to learn.

New Business

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills submitted for review and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the expenditures as listed.

C. Meeting Date for January 2014

Mr. Joey Nimmer stated that since the normal meeting schedule would set the January 2014 meeting on a holiday, he suggested the meeting be held Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to change the January 2014 meeting to Tuesday, January 21, 2014, seconded by Ms. Brenda Bradberry. The Board voted unanimously to approve the date change.

Adjourn

Mr. Draisen adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary Burgess, Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.