

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
February 18, 2013

Call to Order:

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

Board Members Present:

Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Ms. Dana Grant, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Mike Upton, and Mr. Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio were present.

Board Members Absent:

Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell. Dr. Craig Drennon and Mr. Dale Martin were not present.

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and the Board members approved the agenda unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting, seconded by Ms. Dana Grant. With a unanimous vote, the board approved the minutes.

Recognition of Media and Patrons/Public Comment Period:

No one from the media or public was present for public comment.

Presentation of FY2011-2012 County Board Audit – Mr. Ken Martin, CPA

Mr. Ken Martin was present to provide explanation and answer questions regarding the FY 2011-2012 County Board Audit. Mr. Martin began by stating that the board was audited with the same approach as in the past, by first understanding what internal controls management has in place for the day to day fiscal operations, and then by testing those controls to determine if they are working. Mr. Martin stated that with new personnel performing those duties, they tested the controls a little more strongly, but reported that the board has a strong system in place and the procedures are being followed.

Mr. Martin cited some of the tests they performed were fairly routine audit tests of the assets such as confirming cash balances and looking at the liabilities and revenue expenses. Mr. Martin stated based on these tests, they are able to give an unqualified opinion again this year. He

stated that the financial statements represent fairly the results of the operation for the year and the financial position of the board.

Mr. Martin directed the Board's attention to an additional report that had been provided to them for review. Mr. Martin explained the report would contain communications they have to give the Board if they had discovered any difficulties or problems, but none were found. The report also would include any disagreements they had, but there were none to report. Comprised in the report was a comparison of the past year's revenue and expenditures to previous years. Mr. Martin reported that in the overview, an increase in revenue is indicated in the amount of approximately \$50,000. They also reported that expenses were down approximately \$24,000. With further explanation of the financial comparison, Mr. Martin stated that that over all, the management of the County Board's funds were being carefully administered.

The Board asked to reserve the opportunity to forward any future questions regarding the presented report. Mr. Nimmer stated that he would gladly accept and pass along any questions that board members might have after the conclusion of the meeting.

Anderson County Alternative School Report:

Mr. Mike Brock provided board members with a copy of the Alternative School Enrollment Report. The report reflected an enrollment of 88 students for the period ending January 28, 2013. Mr. David Draisen stated that the report presented at last month's board meeting also reflected a total enrollment of 88 students. Mr. Nimmer stated that for the same period last year the enrollment was 101 students.

Dr. Gary Burgess noted that 43 of 88 total enrollment population was white male and was concerned why this was disproportionate. Dr. Burgess also questioned what type of offenses the students committed. Mr. Nimmer stated he would collect the information and report back to the Board on his findings.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board of the annual conference being held at the end of the week. He confirmed with Mr. Mike Upton that he would be attending the new board member orientation.

Mr. Nimmer stated that search for Superintendent in District Five had been interesting. He stated the board was invited to participate in the "Get to Know the Candidate" meetings that were held. He stated that he and Mr. David Draisen had attended all of the sessions for the three finalists. Mr. Nimmer reported the meetings were all very informative and they had the opportunity to speak briefly with all of the candidates. Mr. Nimmer stated District Five would have a difficult decision in naming the new superintendent.

Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board that their Statements of Economic Interest must be completed by April 15, 2013, and must be filed on line at ethics.sc.gov.

Mr. Nimmer approached the Board with a proposal made by the County Board's Office of Attendance. It was proposed the County Board start a scholarship fund for students who have gone through their entire academic career without an absence. Mr. Nimmer explained there are

still a lot of details to work out but wanted to approach the Board with the idea and get its approval prior to moving forward.

Board members posed several questions to Mr. Nimmer regarding the proposal. He replied that the general idea was for the Board to provide a set amount of funds each year for the pool of students receiving the scholarship and divide it equally among those students. Mr. Nimmer told the Board that he would get answers to the Board's questions along with some statistics from all five districts to provide at the March meeting.

Financial:

A: Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget:

Mr. Nimmer reported the tax collections had jumped dramatically as had been discussed at the prior month's meeting. Mr. Nimmer continued that all of the districts were consistent and slightly ahead of where they were last year with the exception of District One. District One is a little bit behind and is based primarily on the reclassification of property that will take a couple of years to work itself out. Mr. Nimmer stated that budgets for 2013-14 will be based on the revised numbers as last year they were not aware of the final reclassification.

Mr. Nimmer explained to the Board that the payment for manufacturer's depreciation reimbursement will be received in April along with several pools of money. Tier 3 payments are received in 10 monthly installments.

Mr. Nimmer stated District Four is ahead because they have more local property tax monies in their operations. The Board also discussed which school districts the new Michelin construction and expansions would affect.

B: Assessment Totals:

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that the totals were fairly flat from last month considering the appeals and reclassifications of properties, the assessed value dropped just a few dollars per mil for first time in several months as was to be expected and then growth for 2013 will be added.

Old Business:

Mr. David Draisen shared with the Board his observation of District Five's interaction with the superintendent candidates and some of the questions the candidates were asked.

Mr. Draisen shared with the Board he had been informed that Mr. Joe Drennan is working on a grant with the YMCA that would enable him to teach all students in District Five how to swim.

New Business:

A: ADM Accounts Payable:

B: SFS Accounts Payable:

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, seconded by Dr. Gary Burgess. The Board was unanimous in its approval of these agenda items.

C. Committee Assignments for 2013

Mr. David Draisen informed the Board that he would get the finalized list to Mr. Nimmer. Mr. Draisen stated as discussed at the previous board meeting, Ms. Bradberry would serve as Vice Chairman and Dr. Gary Burgess would serve as Board Secretary. Dr. Burgess would also serve as the Chairman of the Personnel Committee and Ms. Dana Grant would serve as the Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Mr. Mike Upton would be serving on the Personnel Committee.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Bradberry made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Mike Brock.

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.