

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
June 17, 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:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Mike Upton, Ms. Dana Grant, and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell 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 – May 20, 2013 Meeting

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting, seconded by Mr. Dale Martin. With a unanimous vote, the board approved the minutes.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period

No patrons or media representatives were present at the meeting.

Consideration of Anderson School District Three TAN

Mr. Nimmer called the Board's attention to the resolution in their packets for District Three's Tax Anticipation Note. Mr. Nimmer stated that the request is routinely submitted every year and will be used to have funding available at the most critical times during the year from a cash flow standpoint when their reserve fund may be completely depleted. Mr. Nimmer explained that it is used frequently as a cash management tool, not to exceed \$1.15 million dollars, and is issued only on an as-needed basis. Mr. Nimmer then introduced Ms. Emily Jarrard from Anderson School District Three who was in attendance to answer any questions regarding the resolution.

Mr. Mike Brock made a motion to approve the tax anticipation note, seconded by Dr. Craig Drennon. Ms. Bradberry asked the amount of District Three's fund balance. Ms. Jarrard stated that generally their fund balance is approximately \$3 million dollars. Mr. Nimmer answered that the anticipated fund balance as of June 30, 2013, will be \$2,777,639. Mr. Nimmer stated that it is lower this year, dropping

from 21% to 17% of their total budget due to capital improvements in the district, which is why the TAN is needed.

Ms. Branderry asked Ms. Jarrard what was the amount of dollars needed each month to meet payroll and Ms. Jerrard answered approximately \$1.2 million dollars per month. With no further questions or discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Anderson School District Three TAN.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

Mr. Mike Brock stated there was no report to pass along due to school being in summer recess. Mr. Brock did mention that there were 4 graduates this year from the Alternative School. Mr. Nimmer stated that he had gone to the 2013 graduation ceremony and stated that it was a fantastic experience.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer informed board members of Mr. Mike Upton's progress of recuperation from his recent surgery.

Mr. Nimmer updated the board on the Fee in Lieu situation between Anderson County and the Anderson County School Districts. He informed the board that he and several representatives from the school districts were present at the county council meeting held two weeks ago to voice their concerns regarding the proposed changes in the fee sharing arrangements with the county. He stated that currently of the net fee that is left after certain expenditures are taken off of the top on average the school districts retain 65% of that net fee and the county 35%. It has been proposed that for all fee agreements moving forward that the arrangements be dramatically altered to the point that the county would retain 99% of the fee money and the school districts would retain 1%.

Mr. Nimmer informed the board that prior to the council meeting he reviewed the ordinance that had previously passed first reading. Mr. Nimmer told the board that at the second reading, held June 4, 2013, during the public hearing portion he posed several questions to council. Mr. Nimmer stated that his first question to council was: did it affect any of the current fee agreements. Secondly, if a current fee agreement is amended, extended or somehow renegotiated or changed would it then be considered a new fee, and thirdly, if not, and if it is just dealing with the future fee agreements, is there room for negotiations as to how those fees would be split with the 99% to 1% ratio.

Mr. Nimmer continued that he also cautioned the county council of unintended consequences of any type of ordinance that is passed and not thoroughly thought out. He urged the council not to rush through passing this resolution. Mr. Nimmer stated that a few more individuals addressed the council to voice their concerns and in turn the council then voted to table the second reading until there was an opportunity to meet with representatives from all of the school districts and the county board which was held Friday, June 14, 2013.

Mr. Nimmer stated that the June 14 meeting was well attended and well voiced. The outcome resulted in the agreement to form an ad-hoc committee that would include members of the Anderson County Council, all Anderson County School Districts and the Anderson County Board of Education. It was also decided that school district representatives would consist of the district superintendent and their chief financial officers with Mr. Nimmer serving as the county board's representative and the county council will appoint their representatives at their first meeting in July 2013. Mr. Nimmer continued that all

parties seem to be willing to work together and negotiate. Mr. Nimmer stated legally the council can take 100% of current fees and all future fees. Mr. Nimmer stated that nothing will change or be decided until after the committee meets for discussion. The proposed change will also have to go through second and third readings before it is enacted.

Mr. Nimmer called the Board's attention to participation and appearance in a publication that highlighted Anderson County several years ago. He stated that the publication was going to be published again later this year. Mr. Nimmer informed the Board of the cost to appear in the publication and the Board was in agreement that it was good opportunity for the Anderson County Board of Education to showcase the benefits and services the Board provides to Anderson County.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Brenda Bradberry to move forward with participation in the new publication, seconded by Dr. Gary Burgess and followed by a unanimous vote by the Board.

Financial

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget

Mr. Nimmer reported that current collections for the Districts were getting close to 100% of budgeted revenue. Chairman Draisen added that the exception of District One was due to the reclassification. Mr. Nimmer pointed out that the districts were very close to budget which ranged from 96% to 100.4%. Mr. Nimmer also informed the board that there were still monies to be collected from the state and from local tax revenues prior to the close of the fiscal year. Chairman Draisen asked if more money comes in than was budgeted, would it go toward next year's budget. Mr. Nimmer answered that it goes in the general fund balance. Mr. Nimmer also stated that it was not feasible to fund additional resource officers with this money because it is not guaranteed to reoccur next year Mr. Nimmer concluded that you need long term sustainable funding and that is why the millage increase was requested.

B. Assessment Totals – May 31, 2013

Mr. Nimmer stated that the assessed values continued to pick up slowly and these were the figures that were used in the budget books for the current year.

Old Business

The Board continued in discussion its' concern with school safety and its efforts in funding additional resource officers. A motion was made by Dr. Gary Burgess that the Anderson County Board of Education, through David Draisen, request that districts 2, 3, and 4 consider funding additional school resource officers, in the event the Anderson County Delegation does not provide funding for the additional resource officers. Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote by the Board.

Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board of the remaining budget meetings for Districts Two and Three, Thursday, June 20th at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively.

New Business

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to pay the bills as proposed. Mr. Mike Brock seconded the motion and the Board approved the payments unanimously.

Adjourn

Mr. Draisen made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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