

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
July 15, 2013

Call to Order

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

Board Members Present:

All Board members were present: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Ms. Dana Grant, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Dale Martin, Dr. Craig Drennon, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Mike Upton, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

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 – June 17, 2013 Meeting

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting. Mr. Nimmer stated that the minutes originally submitted for approval had been corrected to reflect an omission of a motion made by Dr. Burgess regarding funding for additional resource officers in districts 2, 3 and 4. Dr. Burgess read aloud the correction. A second was made by Mr. Dale Martin to approve the minutes with correction and was followed by a unanimous vote.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period

The following superintendents were present: Superintendent David Havird representing District One; Superintendent Lee D'Andrea representing District Four; and Superintendent Thomas Wilson representing District Five.

Consideration of District One Budget

Mr. Dale Martin moved to approve the budget for School District One for the fiscal year FY2013-2014. Mr. Martin and Mr. Joey Nimmer presented the budget in the amount \$57,798,143 of which \$25,454,240 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2012-2013 was \$55,751,513 representing an increase of 3.67% for the new fiscal year. The budget as presented meets State requirements. The Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Consideration of District Two Budget

Ms. Dana Grant presented the budget for Anderson School District Two for the fiscal year FY 2013-2014 in the amount of \$23,957,663 of which \$10,621,093 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2012-2013 was \$23,051,054 representing a budget increase of 3.93%

for the new fiscal year. Ms. Grant made a move to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Rev. Mitchell seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for District Two for the fiscal year FY2013-2014.

Consideration of District Three Budget

Dr. Craig Drennon presented the budget for Anderson School District Three for the fiscal year FY 2013-2014 in the amount of \$17,069,989 of which \$7,393,842 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2012-2013 was \$16,683,803 representing a budget increase of 2.31% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Drennon made a move to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for District Three for the fiscal year FY2013-2014.

Consideration of District Four Budget

Before presenting the budget for Anderson School District Four, Dr. Gary Burgess took the opportunity to thank Dr. D'Andrea, District Four Superintendent, and Mr. Larry Young, District Four's Chief Financial Officer on their efforts in preparing the budget for FY 2013-2014. Dr. Burgess continued with the presentation of the budget for the fiscal year FY2013-2014 in the amount of \$23,605,893 of which \$15,418,276 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2012-2013 was \$23,047,190 representing a budget increase of 2.42% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Burgess made a move to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Ms. Dana Grant seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the budget for District Four for the fiscal year FY2013-2014.

Consideration of District Five Budget

Rev. Rufus Mitchell presented the budget for Anderson School District Five for the fiscal year FY 2013-2014 in the amount of \$91,823,520 of which \$48,955,368 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal year FY2012-2013 was \$87,914,443 representing a budget increase of 4.45% for the new fiscal year. Rev. Mitchell made a move to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry addressed an issue to District Five's Superintendent Thomas Wilson regarding athletic uniforms. She questioned why most all sports uniforms were provided to players but not cheerleading. Ms. Bradberry spoke about a student that would be an upcoming freshman and had made the cheerleading squad but might not be able to participate because she was unable to raise the funds for the \$600.00 uniform. Superintendent Wilson stated that he was not sure of the policies currently in place that specifically applied to this, but would find out and report back.

Ms. Bradberry also asked if District Five is sponsoring softball and baseball games during summer months as she had been informed as such. Again Superintendent Wilson stated he would make inquiries regarding that as well.

Dr. Gary Burgess stated that he wanted to be empathetic with the budgetary process as he is aware that it is a laborious task for those who have to prepare the budget, but he would stand on his perennial objection to District Five's budget. Dr. Burgess stated that although it is legal, it violates the principal of equal work equal pay and he believes that the district could pay retirees equally but chooses not to and

therefore he could not vote in favor of District Five's budget.

The Board proceeded to approve the budget for District Five for the fiscal year FY2013-2014 with all board members voting for approval, with the exception of Dr. Gary Burgess who voted in opposition of approval of the budget.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

Mr. Brock stated that there was nothing to report from the school, but he had heard that District Five would not be sending students at the start-up of the school year. Superintendent Wilson stated that was to be the case but that he had met with Mr. Ron Dillingham, the Director of the Alternative School, and some issues were resolved and that now that is not the case. Superintendent Wilson stated that he had talked to some of the students who attended the Alternative School and he was very impressed. He added that he had also invited Mr. Dillingham and Alternative School Staff to participate in any professional development activities that they have for District Five. Superintendent Wilson stated that he looks forward to a very good working relationship and is off to a good start. Chairman Draisen added that the Alternative School does such great work with all of the districts and without that, some of the students would not graduate.

District One Superintendent, David Havird, stated that it will be a pleasure to work with the Alternative School as the supervising district for the next two years. Superintendent Havird continued that he felt that he could speak for all of the Districts that in many senses the Alternative School serves as a mission field and that they have done an extraordinary job in working with the students in returning them to the schools and even having some graduate from the Alternative School. Superintendent Havird concluded that he has worked with them in the role of Assistant Superintendent and now as the Superintendent and that he is very pleased with the staff and thanked them for their vision and work and what they have accomplished for the students of Anderson County. Mr. Nimmer stated that he looks forward to having Mr. Havird serve as supervising superintendent because of his experience as assistant superintendent and serving in the trenches to prepare him for this role and feels that it will be a very good working relationship. Also discussed was the district supervision rotation process and the role that District Five plays in the meal provision service and technology support for the Alternative School.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board of the results of the Anderson County Delegation Meeting in which budgets were passed for the Board and the Alternative School. Mr. Nimmer stated that the Alternative School's budget was passed unanimously and the Board's budget was passed with a five to one vote with Representative Don Bowen in opposition. Mr. Nimmer continued to explain that now that the budget has been passed, he will be moving forward with hiring for the four new Mental Health Counselors and that he hopes to conduct interviews within two weeks. Mr. Nimmer also informed the Board that the school food service director vacancy notice had closed and he would be working with Mr. Keith Martin, Financial Coordinator with Anderson School District Three, to help with the selection. Mr. Nimmer stated that Mr. Martin was a former interim school food service director for Greenville and has experience in the food service area.

Mr. Nimmer called the Board's attention to the newly resurfaced parking lot. Mr. Nimmer stated that the parking lot had a sink hole for a number of years, but with the recent rains, it had begun to grow. The contractor that was hired to repair it also resurfaced and re-lined the parking lot at a reasonable additional cost. Mr. Nimmer concluded that the parking lot now looks better and will functionally

perform better.

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board of the leak in the back of the building between the offices and the warehouse. Mr. Nimmer stated that the leak has been there for a while but was only discovered due to the excessive rains that we have experienced recently and the damage has been assessed for repairs by a contractor. Mr. Nimmer explained that seal in the roof must first be repaired and then repairs to some interior walls can be completed. Clean up and repairs have been ongoing, but due to the continued rainfall, the completion has been delayed but is ongoing. Ms. Bradberry asked Mr. Nimmer was there flooding in any other part of the building and he replied no. Mr. Nimmer continued that there was a little bit of wet carpet in the file room in the back but would be taken care of. Mr. Nimmer also stated that there was also some drywall with some mold on it but it has been removed and will be replaced.

Mr. Nimmer, on behalf of his family, thanked the Board for their memorial given in his father's name to MUSC. Mr. Nimmer stated he will do all that he can to raise awareness and funding to help fight cancer as it is such a dreaded disease.

Chairman Draisen asked about the appeal to the Anderson County Delegation for funding the school resource officers. Mr. Nimmer stated the Delegation did acknowledge the Board's request and decided to table the request until all funding possibilities across the state have been explored. The Delegation did agree to revisit the request at a later date, but was not specific as to when that would be.

Financial

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget

Mr. Nimmer reported that as predicted last month that all districts had met and exceeded their revenue of actual experience versus the budgeted amount, some by smaller amounts than others but all fairly consistent. He continued that there are still some July and August ad valorem taxes that will be posted to last fiscal year as they come in.

B. Assessment Totals – June 30, 2013

Mr. Nimmer stated that assessment totals dropped by about \$5,000 per mill across the county wide figures and that had to do primarily to reclassification of some properties due to appeals and new automobile sales.

Ms. Bradberry asked for an update of the Fee in Lieu issue with Anderson County. Mr. Nimmer stated that they are in the process of putting together the next meeting on the issue and all of the school districts are working to schedule a meeting on the issue as well. Mr. Nimmer asked Dr. D'Andrea, School District Four Superintendent, if anyone from Anderson County Council had been appointed to the Ad Hoc committee. Dr. D'Andrea identified the Council members that were appointed to serve on the committee: the Chair, Francis Crowder, Mr. Eddie Moore and Ms. Cindy Wilson.

Old Business

Dr. Gary Burgess asked Dr. D'Andrea if District Four was seriously considering adding the security personnel to schools and she replied yes. She explained she had contacted the Mayor and had

tried but not yet reached the Sheriff. She explained that there had been some reduction in support from the county to the city, but they were in the progress of arranging between the entities to have a split presence on site at the schools and in the town limits as a start. Dr. Burgess asked if this included Townville. Dr. D'Andrea answered that they have not discussed Townville having a full time presence, but to pay someone to come by the school every day. Dr. D'Andrea stated that they were coming during the day in the past, but they will be asking that they resume that routine presence on a daily basis particularly at arrival and dismissal time. Dr. D'Andrea concluded that as details are available, she will give the Board an update.

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,

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