

Anderson County Board of Education
402 Bleckley Street, Anderson, South Carolina 29625
June 16, 2014

Call to Order

Mr. David Draisen called the meeting to order in the Community Meeting Room at the Foothills Community Foundation 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, Mr. Mike Brock, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio were all present for the meeting. Dr. Gary Burgess was available and participated via conference call for the meeting.

Ms. Dana Grant, Mr. Dale Martin and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell were not in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded the motion but asked that the agenda be amended to reflect the approval of the minutes for the special called board meeting held June 10, 2014. With a unanimous vote, the amended agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2014 Meeting and the June 10, 2014 Special Called Meeting

Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 19, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and the June 10, 2014 Special Called Board Meeting. Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period

There was no one in attendance to address the Board.

Anderson County Alternative School Report

There was no Alternative School Report due to summer break, but Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that there had been some damage due to lightning to the phone and security systems and that repairs were already underway.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Nimmer informed the Board that he had received a request from Anderson County School District Four to be placed on the July 2014 agenda for the consideration of the third installment of the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Issue. Mr. Nimmer explained that the bond issue is an ongoing issue to service the existing debt of the existing bond. He asked the Board to review and if there were any questions or comments regarding the request to please let him know and he can pass those along to District Four. Mr. Nimmer concluded that District Four representatives will be present at the July board

meeting to formally present the request.

Mr. Nimmer stated that he had included in the board packets a proposal from the City of Anderson for the use of the building in which the Anderson County Board of Education currently resides. Mr. Nimmer stated the City intends to use the building for mixed use and asked the Board to review.

Mr. Nimmer updated the Board on Reverend Mitchell who is currently in rehab at Anderson Place after his fall and that his knee is healing. Mr. Nimmer stated that Reverend Mitchell's attitude and demeanor are very strong and positive and Mr. Nimmer believes this is contributing to his recovery.

Mr. Nimmer concluded his report with informing the Board that the Anderson County Legislative Delegation will be meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at which issues will be decided that affect the County Board. Mr. Nimmer stated that they will be considering the following budgets: the Anderson County Board of Education, the Alternative School, the Career Center for Districts One and Two as well as an appointment for the vacant seat to have Shawn McGee fill until the election in November 2014.

Financial

A. Tax Collections YTD vs. Budget

Mr. Nimmer told the Board that the tax collections year to date remain strong. Mr. Nimmer continued that there are three months left for collection and to post ad valorem taxes. Mr. Nimmer reminded the Board that there were two additional payments of property tax relief under Tier Three of the Act 388 Reimbursement so all school districts should be able to reach 100% collection for the year. After a brief discussion regarding delinquent taxes, Chairman Draisen asked why the Board's taxes were less than districts one through five. Mr. Nimmer answered that the Board now has the arrangements with the districts for the reimbursements for the mental health counselors and the final payment is not due until the end of June 2014 which should put the Board at 100%. Ms. Bradberry asked were the payments going to be every year and Mr. Nimmer answered yes and explained the districts are invoiced twice per year, once in January when the tax income is received and once in June when all of the catch up payments are received from the state.

B. Assessment Totals – May 31, 2014

Mr. Nimmer stated that everything was holding steady with a very slight increase in the county wide totals due primarily to vehicle sales. Mr. Nimmer stated it amounted to an increase of approximately \$250 per mill.

Old Business

Mr. Nimmer stated that the only old business was a letter from the Foothills Community Foundation regarding the letter of agreement to proceed in discussions on the lease and after reviewing if you have any questions and if there are no questions to proceed with the negotiation of the lease.

Ms. Bradberry made a motion to proceed with negotiations of the agreement, seconded by Mr. Mike Upton and was followed by a unanimous vote. Mr. Mike Brock stated that it appears that according to the figures, we may come out ahead financially with the new agreements and Mr. Nimmer agreed that according to his calculations it will be approximately \$4,500 per year less than is currently budgeted for

operations for the Board.

New Business

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Mr. Mike Brock made a motion to pay the bills as provided, seconded by Ms. Brenda Bradberry and was followed by a unanimous vote.

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.