

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**December 16, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Dr. Gary Burgess 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 for the December meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Jim Haning, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

**Board Members Absent:** Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell and Mr. John Martin were unable to attend.

**Approval of Agenda:** Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the November 18, 2019 minutes and Mr. Jim Haning seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the minutes were approved.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period:** No one from the media or public was present for public comment.

**Alternative School Report:** The current enrollment at this time is 101 students compared to 102 last year at this time and 103 students last month, Mr. Nimmer reported. The summary of students that have left the school during the month of November is on the back page.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Nimmer began by stating that there has been an update on the legal situation in District Two. There is a copy of the amended order, issued by the judge on November 27<sup>th</sup> in your packet, which is the same as the one sent electronically to everyone prior to the meeting. The only change in the amended order based on the ruling is that the County Board will appoint the replacement for the vacancy should that vacancy stand. After conferring with Mr. Richard Thompson, our legal counsel, the parties now have 30 days to appeal this amended order to the State Appellate Court. If the order is not appealed in 30 days or by December 27<sup>th</sup>, we should begin the process to fill the vacant seat. Or, between now and the 27<sup>th</sup>, we may be notified that it is being appealed. Either way, Mr. Thompson has advised that we take no further action until there is clarity as to what the next steps will be.

For those attending The South Carolina School Board's Association Annual Convention at the Marriott at Hilton Head Island from February 20 -23, 2020, a reservation has been made. If anyone decides they can't attend for any reason, please let Mr. Nimmer know in order to cancel the room in order to open up rooms for those on a waiting list.

## **Financial**

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer reported the tax collection year-to-date, which had started to ratchet up in the month of November, had done so again during the month of December particularly with the local revenue. You will see the collection percentages for all the entities are very close to each other and we expect this trend to continue in January. We are also slightly ahead of where we were in terms of collections in local revenue from this time last year.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer noted the green sheets inside the board member's packet stating the value of a mil county wide is still a little over \$800,000 which is about \$20,000 thousand ahead of where we were prior to posting the growth for 2019 which happened during the month of October. We expect these numbers to hold steady during the upcoming year.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Mr. Nimmer referenced the sales tax report stating through the month of November, since the inception of the tax in March 2015, the gross amount collected to date is \$107,620,157.78. It continues to outperform projections and we will definitely see this during the month of February when the December retail sales are posted. As a reminder, 20% comes off the top to roll back property tax millage and 80% is used for capital projects.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

## **New Business:**

**A. ADM Accounts Payable**

**B. SFS Accounts Payable**

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

Mr. Nimmer provided the board members with a list of proposed meeting dates for 2020. He also noted that the January Board Meeting normally held on the third Monday of each month falls on Martin Luther King Day. It has been our policy in the past to move this meeting to the following day. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to move the January meeting to Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, and to accept the other 2020 meeting dates as presented. Ms. Brenda Bradberry seconded it. It was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Draisen.

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.