

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
January 21, 2020

Call to Order: Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell 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 January meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Jim Haning, Mr. John Martin, Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Nakia Davis was unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2020: Dr. Gary Burgess nominated Mr. David Draisen to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year 2020, seconded by Ms. Brenda Bradberry. The board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Dr. Gary Burgess nominated Mr. Mike Upton to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board, seconded by Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell. The board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Ms. Brenda Bradberry nominated Dr. Gary Burgess to serve as Secretary for the 2020 calendar year, Mr. Mike Upton seconded the nomination. The board members approved the nomination unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell made a motion to approve the December 16, 2019 minutes, with the provision the error be corrected, and Ms. Brenda Bradberry 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 comment.

Alternative School Report: There are currently 109 students enrolled compared to 101 last month and 97 students enrolled last year at this time, Mr. Nimmer reported. The summary of students that have left the school during the month of December is on the back page.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer gave an update on the legal situation in District Two stating there has been an appeal filed to the judge's ruling and they are waiting for a decision from the Appellate Court which is scheduled to be made on Thursday, February 20th. Mr. Shirley has not been participating in the board meetings since the first ruling back in November. Once a ruling is made from the Appellate Court, we will know whether or not our board will need to begin the process of filling the vacancy.

As a reminder, everyone must file their Statement of Economic Interest with the State Ethics Commission by March 30, 2020. It must be filed electronically which has been the case for the past several years.

The Annual Convention of the South Carolina School Boards Association will take place from February 21 through February 23 this year at the Marriott at Hilton Head Island. A reservation has been made for everyone that has indicated they will attend: Mr. Draisen, Dr. Burgess, Mr. Davis, Mr. Haning, Mr. Martin and Mr. Nimmer. Mr. Upton has been reserved through District One. 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.

Mr. Nimmer let everyone know that Nakia Davis lost his grandfather last week. This is also Shawn McGee's father. The board will send a memorial.

Two members of the Anderson County Board of Education were recognized by the School Board Association. A sincere congratulations to Mr. David Draisen and Dr. Rev. Rufus Mitchell for 15 years of service!

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer reported the tax collections year-to-date vs. budget are ahead of where we were last year, at this point, by anywhere from ½ to 2½ percent based on the district. Collections are coming in at a good rate.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer noted the green sheets inside the board member packets stating the value of a mil county wide fell by about \$9,000 from the November 30th report to the December 31st report. This is due primarily to appeals that occurred. Mr. Nimmer reminded everyone that growth wasn't posted until November. Normally growth is posted in October and, therefore, you typically see this decline in November rather than in this month's report.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Mr. Nimmer referenced the sales tax report stating through the month of December, since the inception of the tax in March 2015, the gross amount collected to date is \$109,213,281.31. As a reminder, 20% comes off the top and is posted back to the sinking fund accounts for the districts to pay down debt that existed at the time this tax was enacted, and 80% is used for capital projects. It continues to outperform projections and believe it will as long as the economic performance in the county remains good.

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 Rev. Dr. Rufus Mitchell and was followed by a unanimous vote.

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.