

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
February 17, 2020

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 February 2020 meeting: Ms. Brenda Bradberry, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Mike Brock, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Jim Haning, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

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

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Jim Haning seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Brenda Bradberry made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes and Dr. Gary Burgess 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 is 110 compared to 108 last year at this time and 109 last month. Mr. Mike Brock posed a question regarding the unusually high number of students that have left the Alternative School this year. Ms. Brenda Bradberry requested a formal inquiry into the number of students that have completed the program and returned to their home school during the first semester during prior years compared to the current year. Is this high number normal or unusual? Mr. Nimmer said he would make an inquiry.

Mr. Nimmer informed the board members that Anderson School District Five did not return the Memorandum of Agreement by the deadline of February 1st. Dr. Gary Burgess confirmed their decision not to send students to the Alternative School/Renaissance Academy for the 2020-2021 school year since they have developed their own programs for their students. The tentative plan for Renaissance Academy is that the teaching staff will not be reduced, only support staff. This change may also open up additional spots for students on the waiting list which will help with the economic impact losing District Five students.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer said there has been no legal decision on Anderson School District Two's internal issue since we are waiting for the Appellate Court ruling which is expected on or about February 20, 2020. Mr. Richard Thompson, the board's attorney, said that if the court agrees to hear the case, it may take as long as 12 to 18 months before a final decision is made. We are in a holding pattern at this time.

The Statement of Economic Interest must be filed electronically with the State Ethics Commission by March 30th this year. Mr. Draisen completed his form already and said it only takes a few minutes.

For those attending the Annual Convention of the South Carolina School Boards Association, check in is Thursday night to Sunday morning. Mr. Nimmer looks forward to seeing those that are able to attend later in the week.

Lastly, Mr. Nimmer informed the board members that our 2DAC date has been set for Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. This is an opportunity for our voices to be heard at the State House for meetings with House and Senate lawmakers to advocate for education issues.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer reported the tax collections year to date have jumped dramatically with the final penalty date being in January. The collection rates are pretty strong and every entity is at least a half to two percent ahead of where they were last year.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer stated the green sheets showing the assessment totals have continued to be strong with the value of a mil countywide at \$793,345.00. It is holding steady after appeals have been filed in spite of the fact that some of the growth was posted late. It looks like we will be up \$30,000 to \$35,000 on the value of a mil moving forward this year.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Mr. Nimmer referenced the sales tax report in the packets. We are through the month of January, 2020 and have collected \$111,469,844.00 countywide. 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. Nakia Davis 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.