

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**February 16, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Mr. Willie Day 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 2021 meeting: Mr. Willie Day, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Jim Haning, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio. Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, and Mr. Mike Upton participated virtually through Zoom.

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. John Martin was unable to attend.

**Approval of Agenda and Virtual Meeting:** Dr. Vaughn Parfitt made a motion to approve the virtual meeting and the agenda. Mr. Jim Haning seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2021 meeting:** Dr. Vaughn Parfitt made a motion to approve the January minutes and Mr. Jim Haning seconded the motion.

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

**Renaissance Academy Report:** Mr. Nimmer referenced the report in the board member's packet noting the current enrollment is at 54 students. There are approximately 10 students in the referral/enrollment process currently and that will bring up enrollment to 64 students. Mr. Nimmer said the reverse side of the report shows the number of students that have returned to their home school.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Nimmer reminded all members of the County Board that their annual Statement of Economic interest must be filed electronically by March 30, 2021 at noon.

Next, Mr. Nimmer referenced the updated contact sheet with all new board members listed in their packets. This contact sheet will be mailed to those members unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Finally, he advised the board that, as of the meeting date, no one has shown an interest in filling the opening for Seat 5 that was Mr. Mike Brock's. Once we have individuals expressing interest, a name will be chosen to submit to the delegation with a recommendation to fill the spot until the 2022 term ends.

**Financial**

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer referenced the financial report in the packets stating that overall local property tax and local revenue is at or above what it was at this time last year. Districts One and Three are slightly ahead due to fee in lieu money received. District One from Duke Energy Steam Plant and District Three is due to reinvestment at Electrolux. All five school districts are in good shape staying slightly ahead of where they were last year at this time.

**B. Assessment Totals:** There is no assessment report in this month's packet as the county offices are closed today in honor of Presidents Day. Mr. Nimmer explained that next months' report will include the months of February and March in the cumulative report.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported that in January we collected \$2,648,729.59. This brings the total cumulative collected to \$139,519,982.15 since the enactment of the sales tax in 2014 which began being collected in March 2015. Collection has been very strong. As a reminder, 20% of these funds come off the top and is posted to the sinking funds for the districts and goes to offset the cost of debt service for the districts as it existed at the time the sales tax was imposed.

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

**New Business:** Mr. Nimmer mentioned the State will begin working on a new budget soon and hopefully we will have workshops in June and be able to vote in July as we normally have in the past.

The Committee Assignments for the coming year were passed out to the board members noting that when a ninth person is appointed to the board, we may be able to lighten the current load.

**A. ADM Accounts Payable**

**B. SFS Accounts Payable**

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Upton and was followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Willie Day mentioned that he has filed to run for the open seat on Anderson County Council due to the death of Mrs. Gracie Floyd. Mr. Day will keep the Board Members updated as the process plays out.

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.