

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**March 15, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order and Mr. Jim Haning 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 March 2021 meeting: Mr. Willie Day, Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Jim Haning, Mr. John Martin, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Mr. Mike Upton, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

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

**Approval of Agenda and Virtual Meeting:** Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the virtual meeting and the agenda. Mr. Mike Upton seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes – February 15, 2021 meeting:** Mr. Jim Haning made a motion to approve the February minutes and Mr. Willie Day 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 69 students. There are currently about 16 students in the referral/enrollment process. 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 referred to the information in the packet from Pamela Hasson, District Five's Director of Purchasing and Warehouse Services for District Five, regarding the recent Information Technology and Public Surplus Sale. He reminded the board members that they had approved the liquidation sale of assets back in the fall. The technology portion was sold by a sealed bid auction and the other was a live auction to sell desks, etc. The sealed bid auction generated \$46,999.00 while the live auction lost \$1,947.00 due to low attendance because of the pandemic. The district had to pay a guaranteed \$3,000 to the auction company so that is the reason for the loss. The proceeds of \$45,052.00 was booked to the general fund.

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.

Finally, he advised the board that two people have expressed an interest in filling the open Area 5 seat left by Mr. Mike Brock. This would be an appointment to serve for the remainder of his term. One of the two interested, Mr. Glenn Stevens, has been disqualified because he is currently teaching in Anderson School District Two. One of the prohibitions, confirmed by our attorney, is the provision that says no member shall hold any official position with the public schools of the county or receive compensation for any goods or services rendered to such schools. Mr. Jason Dorrietty is the other candidate who, at this point, has not been vetted. That will be handled by The Delegation since they will be making the appointment. In the past, when we have had a vacancy for an unexpired term, we would send a recommendation with a potential candidate to them. Mr. Nimmer will continue to stay in contact with the delegation office.

Finally, Chairman Draisen recognized several board members with certificates from the South Carolina School Boards Association. Mr. Willie Day and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt completed the required orientation recently and received their New Board Member Orientation Certification of Completion. Everyone welcomed and congratulated the newest board members. Next, Chairman Draisen recognized Dr. Gary Burgess for his 10 years of service to the Anderson County Board of Education and presented him with a certificate and label pin to honor his achievement. The board members thanked and congratulated him for his dedication.

## **Financial**

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer referenced the report in the packets which shows tax collections year to date vs. budget. We have collected a majority of the revenue for the current year which is normal for this time with the first penalty date for property tax collection being January 16<sup>th</sup>. This is through the end of February. Every district is between 1 1/2 to 3% ahead of where they were at this time last year. There has been growth in the county in terms of assessed value of real property while millage has been frozen. We have two districts ahead of the others. District One had additional fee in lieu money come in from the Duke Energy Steam Plant. District Three had a significant increase in their fee money due to reinvestment by Electrolux. District Four is also slightly higher because more of their total revenue is derived from local real property taxes. The County Board and Renaissance Academy are slightly behind in terms of collection percentage because much of their revenue is backloaded in the form of reimbursements we get near the end of the fiscal year.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer referenced the green sheets in the member's packets stating we have stayed fairly consistent since January. At the January meeting we dealt with the report from the end of December and didn't have a report last month due to the holiday. Still, we have stayed very consistent with only about a \$800 less than what the assessed value was at the end of February. This happens every year as we move through the process and property taxes are paid and appeals handled. That is another good sign of property growth in terms of assessed value.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported that the cumulative total collected through the end of February was \$142,487,926.57. Of that, we collected \$2,967,944.42 in the month of February. As a reminder, 20% of both totals is set aside and posted to the sinking fund accounts for each district in order to roll back the property tax millage for debt service. That applies to all classifications of property whether it is owner occupied, commercial, or otherwise.

**Old Business:** Dr. Gary Burgess commented on how proud he was to represent Anderson County at a recent meeting. Mr. David Draisen said he put a book together called 2021 South Carolina Annual Convention - Leading Through Change that he would leave with Mr. Nimmer in case anyone was interested in looking at it. He agreed with Dr. Burgess that the presentations were excellent and, as always, he got a lot out of the sessions but more from talking to the other attendees.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**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.

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.