

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
April 19, 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 April 2021 meeting: Mr. David Draisen, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Jim Haning, Mr. John Martin, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio. Mr. Willie Day and Mr. Mike Upton participated by Zoom, Mr. Nakia Davis by telephone.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Vaughn Parfitt was unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda and Virtual Meeting: Mr. Jim Haning made a motion to approve the virtual meeting. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. John Martin seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2021 meeting: Mr. Willie Day made a motion to approve the March minutes and Mr. John Martin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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 that as of April 2nd, the current enrollment is 86 students compared to 69 students last month. There are currently 14 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 let the board members know that the staff, working in the office, has been fully vaccinated and looking forward to whatever is the new normal.

The State's budget is working its way through the State House now. The Senate is doing their debates this week and some subcommittees and committees have acted on some of the provisions as passed by the House. Once the Senate has completed their work and we have a better idea of what it will be, we should be able to plan our budget calendar for this year. Mr. Nimmer expects that to be completed by early to mid-May.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer referenced the report in the packets stating the tax collections year to date vs. budget continue to be strong. As you will recall, we carried over the 2019-20 budget into 2020-21. Collections have continued to be strong outpacing what they were a year ago. Each district should meet or exceed their budgeted revenues within the next month or so. As a reminder, 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. District One has additional fee in lieu money due to Duke Power's investment in the Lee Steam Plant and District Three by an additional investment put forth by Electrolux.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer referenced the green sheets in the member's packets. Through March 31st, the value of a mil county wide is \$840,714.00 which is an increase of approximately \$3,000 since the February report discussed at the last meeting. This is a good sign mainly due to vehicles and mid-year adjustments. Last month the value of a mil county wide was over \$837,000.00 and now it is over \$840,000.00.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported that the cumulative total collected through the end of March was \$144,776,529.16. Of that, we collected 2.8 million in the month of March. As a reminder, 20% of the funds collected are used to post to the school bond sinking fund accounts and used to roll back the debt service millage. That applies to all classifications of property whether it is owner occupied, commercial, or otherwise.

Old Business: We have had three candidates show an interest in filling the vacant County Board Area 5 seat representing the Belton-Honea Path area previously held by Mr. Brock. The communication from Mr. Jason Dorriety, Mr. DeWayne Evans, and Ms. Terri Martin is in the board member packets. Mr. Nimmer explained that the appointment is for the duration of this term which runs through the end of 2022. In the past when there has been a vacancy, the County Board has made a recommendation to the Legislative Delegation for an individual they feel is best suited to serve. This time the person will be appointed by the Anderson County Legislative Delegation. Mr. Nimmer said this position will be posted soon by the Legislative Delegation and all applicants will have to go through the application process. There may be a called meeting at some point to deal with this appointment.

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. John Martin 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.