

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**September 20, 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 September 2021 meeting: Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Willie Day, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Jim Haning, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio. Mr. Mike Upton participated virtually.

**Board Members Absent:** Ms. Terri Martin and Mr. John Martin were unable to attend.

**Approval of Agenda:** Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Willie Day seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2021 meeting:** Mr. David Draisen asked that a correction be made to one of his statements changing the word aggressive to regressive in the minutes. With that change made, Mr. Nakia Davis made a motion to approve the August minutes and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period:** Ms. Gina Hawkins, a grandparent of a kindergarten student, attended the meeting. She is interested in learning more about school functions in general and this was her first board meeting. She hopes to attend a District Five meeting as well. No one from the media or public signed up for public comment.

**Renaissance Academy Report:** Mr. Nimmer reported that enrollment is higher this year than it was at the same time last year with 69 students as opposed to 41. About a week ago, there were five students in the admissions process according to Mr. Dillingham. Mr. Nimmer reminded the board that last year was the transition year of District Five not participating, so some of that gap from the prior year has been made up by the other four districts. One student left to enroll in a home school program.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Nimmer mentioned at the last meeting that Mr. Bob Couch offered to host a board meeting at the Anderson Institute of Technology which is the jointly run career center for Districts Three, Four, and Five. Therefore, arrangements have been made for our October meeting to take place at AIT. The way it is set up, based on the availability of their staff, is we will have a tour of the facility at 4:45 pm, a meal following at approximately 5:15 pm, and then conduct our regular meeting at 6:00 pm. More information to follow.

Lastly, Mr. Nimmer was notified that the South Carolina Ethics Commission will be shutting down the old system to integrate the new system. They are updating its software and reporting system which should be more user friendly. It should be up and running by the end of the month. There is nothing to do at this point since the Annual Statement of Economic Interest doesn't need to be completed until March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Mr. Nimmer will remind everyone well before the deadline.

## **Financial**

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer reported that the school district actual vs. budget revenue for everyone is remarkably consistent. The money trickles in during the summer months and then begins to ratchet up as we move through the fall and into early winter. Then levels off with the bulk of the funding coming in from local sources in the months of November, December, and January. We will then have some late payments posted in February. We are right in line where we should be with the various entities.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer said the value of a mil county wide grew about \$750 in the last month between July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>. He didn't get these reports until late this afternoon, but it appears that more vehicles were sold. There has been a lag in new car sales due to the lack of inventory based on the chips that aren't available. The real property growth will be posted late this month and early in October. You should see an increase in real property value in September that we will look at in October.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported that approximately 2.9 million from the penny sales tax was collected county wide in the month of August. As a reminder, 20% of these funds come off the top to be posted to the sinking funds of each district to pay down debt that existed at the time the sales tax was enacted. It has resulted in roll back millage for debt service and continues to perform admirably.

**Old Business:** Mr. Nakia Davis recommended that Ms. Kathy Hipp, Superintendent for Anderson School District Three, be recognized at the October meeting for being voted the Superintendent of the Year. It was a welcome suggestion, and everyone agreed.

**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. Willie Day 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.