

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**October 18, 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 October 2021 meeting: Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Willie Day, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Jim Haning, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

**Board Members Absent:** Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. John Martin, Ms. Terri Martin and Mr. Mike Upton 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 – September 20, 2021 meeting:** Dr. Vaughn Parfitt made a motion to approve the September minutes and Dr. Gary Burgess 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.

**Recognition of Mrs. Kathy Hipp, SC State Superintendent of the Year:** Mr. Draisen presented Mrs. Hipp with a plaque from the Anderson County Board of Education recognizing her for bringing honor and distinction to Anderson County and to Anderson School District Three for becoming the State of South Carolina Superintendent of the Year. A standing ovation followed. Ms. Hipp thanked the board for the honor and most of all for supporting the school districts in Anderson County. We are a team; it is all about the student's achievement and working together to give them the best possible experience. She is honored to represent her county. Mr. Nimmer added he couldn't think of a better honoree. He also added that Mr. Nakia Davis, the representative for District Three, sends his congratulations even though he was unable to be here tonight.

**Consideration of Request from Anderson School District Five:** Mr. Nimmer introduced Mr. Scott Orr who is the new Director of Purchasing and Warehouse Services since Ms. Pam Hassan recently retired. Mr. Orr provided information on surplus property they would like to liquidate along with a couple of additional pages of additional detail. Mr. Orr is here to answer any questions the board may have and has said he will supply a synopsis of the sale results as they normally do. There is a sale scheduled for October 25, so they are asking for a quick turnaround. Mr. Orr thanked the board for the opportunity and hopes to get to know everyone better as time goes on. He said he is enjoying Anderson Five tremendously and plans to keep Ms. Hassan's good work record going along smoothly. The district did some media center furniture updates because it was quite old. Now the old is being stored in areas that need to be cleaned out and utilized the way it was meant to be. Mr. Orr is hoping to put a schedule together to handle the auctions rather than doing one at a time. Mr. Nimmer agreed that would work well for all parties involved. Mr. Draisen asked if he had an idea of the value of the items to be auctioned off. Mr. Orr explained that it is difficult to predict. By SC Procurement standards, if there is any value, it must be auctioned if it cannot be donated to another school or school district. Then if it doesn't sell at the auction, they can donate it to non-profits.

Mr. Willie Day asked if the criteria was simple wear and tear? Mr. Orr said it is but still functional. If it is broken and can't be repaired, then there is no value. If there is a value to anyone, we must auction it. Mr. Day asked if they do this after a certain number of years or just look at how it appears. Mr. Orr answered all this is old but there are no set criteria. Mr. Orr said that once he has approval to do this, he will send more detailed pictures out to the principals to make sure no school wants it. After they've had about a week to look at it, if there is no interest, it will go to auction.

Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the request from Anderson School District Five to auction the surplus property. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaughn Parfitt and approved unanimously.

**Renaissance Academy Report:** Mr. Nimmer reported that enrollment continues to grow with five more students from last month's report. Enrollment is up by 33 students from this time last year. Last year was the transition year with District Five not participating in the program but we are now pretty much back to where we would be with 74 students and three students in the referral process and being analyzed for enrollment. On the back of the page, it shows the reasons students have left during the past month.

Dr. Gary Burgess used this time to thank the superintendents that continued with the program after District Five left what he feels is a great program. Next, Dr. Burgess asked if there was a state-wide or national recognition for alternative schools. Mr. Nimmer was not sure but would look into it.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Nimmer informed the board members that the dates for the South Carolina School Board's Association's Annual Convention will take place on February 17 to February 20, 2022 at the Marriott in Hilton Head. If anyone is interested, please mark the dates on their calendars and more details will follow as they come in.

## **Financial**

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer reported that tax collections remain very consistent and slightly ahead of where we were last year in terms of collection percentages. The money through September has trickled in and we will start to ratchet up primarily in November, December, and January which are the heaviest collection months for the local revenue. Mr. Nimmer said the property tax bills from the treasurer's office have been mailed and everyone will be receiving one soon.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer said assessment totals through the end of September are here. New real property assessed value has not yet been posted on this report. The growth for 2021 has been posted during early October and they are in the process of tweaking the numbers that have been put in. With preliminary numbers, it looks like the value of a mil will grow county-wide approximately \$40,000 which is significant growth for this year. Mr. Nimmer does not know what the final number will be, but this is the number they are working with at this point. The \$841,229 that is in the report the board members received today is very consistent and that is despite the lack of new vehicle sales.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported that, through the end of September, county wide we have collected \$161,594,757.05. As a reminder, 20% of these funds come off the top to be posted to the sinking funds that is used to roll back millage for debt

service. That shows up as a true roll back or it holds millage steady when there is new debt issued. This is another strong report of just under \$2.8 million in the month of September. Mr. Day mentioned the city annexing houses 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:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business:** Mr. Willie Day made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaughn Parfitt and was followed by a unanimous vote.

**A. ADM Accounts Payable**

**B. SFS Accounts Payable**

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.