

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
November 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 November 2021 meeting: Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Jim Haning, Ms. Terri Martin, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. Willie Day, Mr. John Martin, and Mr. Mike Upton were unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2021 meeting: Mr. Jim Haning made a motion to approve the October minutes and Ms. Terri 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 reported that there are five fewer students this month from this time last month with the reasons for the students leaving listed on the back of the report. As of 11/5, there were 11 students on the list to be enrolled and Mr. Nimmer believes four have been accepted. Ms. Martin asked if the enrollment numbers are where they anticipated or, more pointedly, is the funding on target now that District Five is not participating? Mr. Nimmer said it is, we are ahead of what we anticipated because it is above where it was last year at this time. We continue to be in a good spot with the adjustments made and especially with the students in the pipeline.

Mr. Nimmer reported that he did follow up after last month's meeting and was unable to find a national organization for alternative education or schools as discussed. There are various and sundry groups that are part of alternative programs but, as far as having their own association, he did not find any.

Dr. Gary Burgess noted that violence has been increasing across the nation in schools and asked if anything like this is happening in our Anderson County schools. He used an example of a principal being hit on the head. Mr. Nimmer remembered reading something about a social media challenge that encouraged violence against teachers and administrators but was not aware of any of instances locally.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer asked the board members to decide whether to move the December meeting from the usual third Monday of the month to the week prior because it is getting so close to the Christmas holiday. He said he has both 12/13 and 12/20 reserved at Tucker's for the annual holiday dinner so either day will work for them. After a brief discussion, Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to move the December meeting to Monday, December 13th, followed by the traditional dinner. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaughn Parfitt and approved unanimously.

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 Hilton Head Resort & Spa. Mr. Nimmer plans to make a room reservation for everyone and, if anyone is not able to attend, the room will be canceled.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:

Mr. Nimmer reported that in October the local ad valorem taxes for real property has started to trickle in. We are about 1 to 1½ percentage points ahead of where we were last year at this point based on the collection percentages. The ad valorem taxes on taxable property such as vehicles have continued to maintain their pace. This is surprising since new vehicle inventory is still lagging way behind where it usually is. This low inventory situation has caused used car prices to be driven through the roof. That is something we are watching. We will begin to see the big influx of real property tax receipts in November. Today was the close of books for the first two weeks in November, so we don't have those figures yet. By the time we meet in December, we will have all of November's collections made and know where we are on that.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer reported that the value of a mil county-wide is now \$884,366. That is about a \$40,000 increase over what it was prior. This may come down a little bit as some of these assessment totals are appealed and some property reclassified. Growth has continued and is the best we have seen in the county for three years.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported another good month for sales tax collection with just under 2.7 million bringing our cumulative total to \$164,271,433.05. As a reminder, 20% is booked back to the sinking funds for the districts to help draw down and roll back millage for debt service in each district. It has been a strong help to the taxpayers in the county.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: Dr. Gary Burgess 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.