

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**December 13, 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: Mr. Nakia Davis, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Jim Haning, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio. Mr. Willie Day and Mr. Mike Upton participated by phone.

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. John Martin, Ms. Terri Martin, and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt were unable to attend.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Nakia Davis made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jim Haning seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2021 meeting:**

Mr. Jim Haning made a motion to approve the November minutes and Mr. Willie Day 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 enrollment from last month to this month has increased by five students with seven students in the pipeline waiting for the admission process approval. There are 79 students currently enrolled compared to 47 last year at this time. The reasons for any students that have left is on the page of the report. Mr. Day questioned if the attendance was on an upward trend. Mr. Nimmer answered yes, the numbers are more in line with the enrollment prior to the time District Five left.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Nimmer referenced a letter included in the board member's packet from Mr. Scott Orr, Director of Purchasing & Warehouse Services for District Five. As is customary, the letter provides information on their November surplus sale. Mr. Orr said it was slow going but hopes it will improve as time goes on with another sale taking place early in the new year.

Next, the board was reminded that the South Carolina School Board's Association's Annual Convention will take place at the Marriott on Hilton Head, from February 17-20, 2022. Mr. Nimmer has a room reserved for each board member. If anyone is unable to attend, please let him know as soon as possible so he can release the room.

Lastly, Anderson School District One has begun the process of requesting that the County Council institute an impact fee for new development within the district. After learning this, Mr. Nimmer did some research and ran it by our legal counsel to see how this would legally affect the County Board. First, since it is a fee, the County Board would not have any role in authorizing it. Second, it would have to be imposed by County Council. The taxing authority vested in the County Board does not include impact fees. This proposal by the district is in the very early stages but they have approached County Council and made a request. It will now begin moving through the approval process which includes going before the Planning Commission, then they would make a recommendation to the full County Council. The Council would then have to consider it in three readings like any other ordinance. Mr. Haning asked if this would have to be voted on by the public; Mr. Nimmer said no since an impact fee

can be enacted by the council. Mr. Davis asked if the fee would include residential and commercial development and Mr. Nimmer said yes, it would. As more is learned, Mr. Nimmer will keep the board members up to date.

## **Financial**

### **A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:**

Mr. Nimmer reported that collections have ratcheted up dramatically in the month of November with everyone being very consistent in what they have collected. We are still running about 1 to 2 percent ahead from this time last year in collections based on the budgeted amounts. Last year we had a frozen budget, so it is to be expected. We are starting to book in the local ad valorem tax for real property and should see a huge increase in December. The final payment will come on January 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the imposition of late fees.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer said things are beginning to settle in a little bit. At the last meeting, growth had been posted at about \$884,000 as the value of a mil. It has dropped down to \$881,997 or about \$2,400 less per mil. This is due to appeals of the new growth posted and reclassification of properties. The combination of these two factors will cause the total value of a mil to decrease and that is what we are seeing. However, the percentage that it has dropped is significantly lower than what it has been in the past which shows growth is strong.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported through the end of November we have collected \$167,061,285.49 which is just under 2.8 million dollars. Mr. Davis asked if this is double the projected amount and Mr. Nimmer said it is about triple. It is much stronger than he ever expected it would be. Although the projections were put together in 2013 when the economy wasn't what it is now. 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:** Mr. Nakia Davis made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Haning and was followed by a unanimous vote.

The Board members discussed moving the January board meeting from Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 18, 2022, in order to observe the Martin Luther King Holiday as is customary. Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to move the meeting date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nakia Davis and approved unanimously.

### **A. ADM Accounts Payable**

### **B. SFS Accounts Payable**

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Draisen.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education  
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.