

**Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
March 21, 2022**

Call to Order: Chairman David Draisen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: 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 meeting: Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. David Draisen, Mr. Jim Haning, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio. Mr. Nakia Davis participated by phone and Mr. Willie Day, Ms. Terri Martin, and Mr. Mike Upton on ZOOM.

Board Members Absent: Mr. John Martin.

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 – February 21, 2022 meeting: Mr. Jim Haning made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion. They were 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 detailing the Renaissance Academy information as of March 15th. There are currently 84 students enrolled. At this point last year, there were 69 enrolled and we have seven students in the approval process. This number is still significantly ahead of last year at this same time. On the back of the report you will see the students that have left the academy and the reasons why. A couple have moved out of the area and some students were dropped from the roles due to excessive absences.

Administrator's Report: As a follow up to last month's health update regarding Anderson County's auditor, Mr. Nimmer informed the board with sadness that Mr. Jacky Hunter passed on February 24th. Jennie Roper, from our office, Mr. Draisen, and Mr. Nimmer attended the funeral and a memorial gift has been sent to Central Presbyterian Church in his memory. Mr. Hunter will be sorely missed. In the interim, the assistant auditor will fill in and more information will follow as we learn more.

Mr. Nimmer reminded all members of the County Board that their annual Statement of Economic Interest must be completed and filed electronically by noon on March 30, 2022. Whether you have filed or not, the Ethics Commission sent a blanket reminder out to everyone.

The South Carolina School Boards Association will be hosting their Annual Day at the Capital on April 27th at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. If you would like to go, please let Mr. Nimmer know and he will get you registered. Mr. David Draisen encouraged those that have not been to go since it is a great way to see the process and get involved.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer said the collections year to date are included in the packets adding that everything continues to remain remarkably consistent and slightly ahead of where we were last year. Everyone will be at or above 100% of budgeted revenue based on growth in real property assessed value over the course of the last 12 months.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer said Mr. Jason Phillips, the treasurer, helped with the report this month which had to be a xerox copy as that was something Jacky Hunter always ran. However, we were able to get it pulled together. The value of a mil county wide through February 28th is right at \$877,987.00 which is a \$665 increase over the January 31st figures which were down about \$900 from the December 31st figures. As people come in to pay their taxes, many times they will appeal the assessed values. That is the reason these values adjust based on the outcome of these appeals. Generally, we see a larger dip with the appeals, but they have been remarkably consistent and are holding steady.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported the Education Sales & Use Tax through the month of February has collected a total of \$175,879,123.44. This was a new single month record topping three million dollars. It represents sales that occurred in December since there is always a two-month lag from when the sales are made and when the tax is dispersed. As a reminder, 20% is taken off the top and posted to the sinking fund accounts for rolling back debt service millage property taxes.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

New Business: Chairman David Draisen let the board members know he has been diagnosed with angiosarcoma, a fast-growing, aggressive cancer. He is being treated with radiation and chemotherapy and things are going well. His wife, Andrea, and Dr. Doster, the oncologist, have been in contact with Emory University's Sarcoma Center to be sure that he gets the very best care.

- 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.