

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
September 19, 2022

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Mike Upton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Willie Day 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, Dr. Willie Day, Mr. Nakia Davis, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Mr. Mike Upton and Joey Nimmer, Ex Officio Mr. David Draisen participated via Zoom.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Jim Haning, Mr. John Martin, and Ms. Terri Martin.

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

Approval of Minutes – August 15, 2022 Meeting: Mr. David Draisen made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Mike Upton introduced Mr. Doug Atkins to the board members. Mr. Atkins is running for Seat 3 which is currently held by Mr. Jim Haning.

Renaissance Academy Report: Mr. Nimmer told the board members that he normally likes to mail the enrollment information prior to the meeting so they can review it before the meeting. However, with the new school year only being in session a short time, it was not possible this month. Mr. Nimmer continued stating there are 58 students currently enrolled compared to 69 students at this time last year. Since this report was run, two students in the pipeline have been accepted and are now enrolled. On the back side of the report, it shows one student has withdrawn to attend Adult Ed.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Nimmer let the board members know that the current assessment totals were submitted for informational purposes only and the actual numbers have not been finalized. He has been in a couple of meetings with the treasurer and assessor. There will be another meeting on Thursday to discuss the new mileage rate with Mr. John Benca, the new auditor. Mr. Nimmer said Mr. Benca is an engineer, restaurant owner, and is a fast learner. Everyone in that office seems to be working very well together.

Next, Mr. Nimmer was very pleased to recognize Mr. Mike Upton with a 10-year service award. Mr. Upton was presented a certificate and pin to show appreciation for his years of service to the Anderson County Board of Education and the South Carolina School Board's Association. Everyone congratulated Mr. Upton and thanked him for his dedication.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer reported that revenue at this time of year is trickling in at about the same as it was at the end of August. All districts show a similar percentage collected with mostly automobile and axillary property taxes coming in.

Dr. Gary Burgess asked if any of the districts had expressed concern with their school budgets considering the current rate of inflation. Mr. Nimmer said he was not aware of any, however, he mentioned hearing that Duke Power may be considering a request for an increase of 18% for commercial property and 12% on residential. This is just in the preliminary stages and most likely will not be approved for that amount. It is just one example of what may be ahead for the school districts with energy, repairs, and other services.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer mentioned there is a new format for the assessment totals from Mr. Benca's office. He continued to report the value of a mil county wide is \$881,900.00. This amount will change when the reassessment totals reflected in this total. By the end of September, we will have all the growth accounted for.

There was a brief discussion on the difference between fair market value and the assessment totals. Mr. Nimmer explained that property taxes are not based on the total market value which is only an estimate of the value and not an accurate value. For instance, a property that was recently purchased would show a higher market value based on the recent sale. A home lived in for many years with no activity would not reflect the current market. Therefore, the assessed value is what is used to base the property taxes on.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of August collected \$3,183,889.77. Mr. Nimmer reminded everyone that 20% of these funds are posted to the sinking fund accounts of the districts to rollback debt service millage. The remaining 80% goes to capital projects. This brings the total amount collected, since the inception of the local use sales tax in 2015, to \$193,910,318.62.

Old Business: Mr. Mike Upton mentioned District 5 had received a blanket approval for the auctions at the July meeting and wondered if there had been any more information. Mr. Nimmer said they are in the process of scheduling the auctions. As previously agreed, the district will report back to the board the results of these auctions once they are completed.

New Business:

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 Dr. Willie Day and was followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Upton.

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.