

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**December 12, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Mike Upton called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Dr. Gary Burgess 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: Mr. Mike Upton, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Nakia Davis, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Mr. Joey Nimmer, and Dr. Willie Day.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2022 Meeting:** Dr. Willie Day found a mistake in the Minutes from November 21, 2022. He stated that Mike Upton adjourned the meeting not David Draisen. Mr. Nimmer corrected the mistake. Dr. Willie Day made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period:** Newly elected board members, Mr. Doug Atkins, Mr. Greg Balog, and Rev. Jason Dorriety were in attendance. All newly elected and re-elected board members will take their oaths at the January 2023 meeting.

**Renaissance Academy Report:** Mr. Nimmer provided the board members with the monthly report on enrollment information for the academy. Mr. Nimmer stated that there are 68 students currently enrolled compared to 79 students at this time last year. In addition, there were six students in the process of enrolling. There should be 74 students enrolled by the end of this week. On the back side of the report reasons for students leaving the academy are identified. Any students that have dropped per State Law can return. Dr. Vaughn Parfitt spoke about touring the Renaissance Academy and how well Mr. Dillingham has helped improve the academy.

**Administrator's Report:** Mr. Nimmer stated that a copy of the 2022 Tax Levy Sheet is included in the board packages for this evenings meeting. Mr. Nimmer shared Thank you notes with the Board Members from Mrs. Draisen for Memorials made in Mr. David Draisen's name. Report from Scott Orr was included from the November auction of items no longer needed by School District 5.

## **Financial**

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer reported that property tax revenue is beginning to flow in as the 2022 tax notices were mailed in October. All districts show a similar percentage collected. Collections will continue to ramp up between now and the end of the

calendar year as real estate property taxes are being received. The last day to pay real estate taxes without penalty is January 15, 2023.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer mentioned the new report for assessment totals county wide through the end of November. He continued to report the value of a mil county wide is now \$999,853,051. This amount will change slightly as appeals are processed.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of November collected \$2,905,717.74. 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 \$202,936,870.28.

**Old Business:** The annual convention of the SC School Boards Association will be held February 16-19, 2023. Room reservations and conference registration will be handled as in the past. Confirmation of 6 Board Members attending so far. May need to use the over-flow hotel. If this needs to be done Dr. Gary Burgess stated that he will stay at the over-flow hotel.

Dr. Gary Burgess is unable to be at the Renaissance Academy meetings and would like to be change to another committee. Dr. Vaughn Parfitt will take his place. Dr. Willie Day made a motion to accept the change. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gary Burgess and was followed by a unanimous vote.

**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. Vaughn Parfitt and was followed by a unanimous vote.

**C. Meeting Date:** The usual meeting date of January 16, 2023 is Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Mr. Nimmer asked if the meeting could be moved to Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to move the January meeting date from January 16 to January 17. Dr. Willie Day provided the second and the motion was approved by unanimous vote

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Willie Day.

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.