

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**January 17, 2023**

**Swearing in of Newly elected & Re-elected Members of the Anderson County Board of Education:** Mr. Nakia Davis, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Doug Atkins, Rev. Jason Dorriety and Mr. Greg Balog. Joy Head had Oaths for each to sign.

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

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Rev. Jason Dorriety 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, Dr. Willie Day, Mr. Doug Atkins, Rev. Jason Dorriety, Mr. Greg Balog, and Mr. Joey Nimmer ex officio.

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2023:** Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to elect Mr. Mike Upton as Chairman, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion. Dr. Vaughn Parfitt made a motion to elect Dr. Gary Burgess as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Doug Atkins seconded the motion. Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to elect Mr. Nakia Davis as Secretary, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion. All motions were approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2022 Meeting:** Dr. Vaughn Parfitt made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes and Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period:** Will Dorriety, Mr. and Mrs. Dorriety attended the Board 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 71 students currently enrolled as of January 6, 2023 compared to 78 students this time last year. In addition, there were seven students in the process of enrolling, six of them have enrolled at this time and one being considered. On the back side of the report reasons for students leaving the academy are identified.

Dr. Vaughn Parfitt will be meeting with Mr. Dillingham before each board meeting for updates.

**Administrator's Report:** Room reservation and registration for the SC School Board Association Conference at Hilton Head has been squared away. New Board members will attend Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>-February 19<sup>th</sup>. Existing Board members will join them on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Vaughn Parfitt stated that he will not be attending. Mr. Nimmer will have room assignments distributed to those attending shortly. The School Board Association recognized Mr. Mike Upton, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Dr. Willie Day and Mr. Nakia Davis was recognized for reaching Level 2 Boardmens.

## Financial

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mr. Nimmer reported that there was a significant increase for December property tax revenue, ahead of collection percentage. All districts show a similar percentage collected. The last day to pay real estate taxes without penalty was January 15, 2023. Late penalty collection started today, January 17, 2023.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mr. Nimmer mentioned the new report for assessment totals county wide through the end of December. He continued to report the value of a mil county wide was \$999,853.00 at the end of November and at the end of December is \$995,977.00. 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 December collected \$3,100,264.74. 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 \$206,037,135.02.

**Old Business:** Mr. Nimmer stated that there is 1 seat unfulfilled for area 7. Mr. Nimmer recommended, Andrea Draisen. Board members agree for him to speak with Mrs. Draisen to see if she is interested in filling the area 7 seat. Other nominations are welcomed to be submitted.

### 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 February 20, 2023 is Presidents Day holiday. Mr. Nimmer asked if the meeting could be moved to Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Also, the schedule of County Board Meetings was presented and handed out by Mr. Nimmer. Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to move the February meeting date from February 20<sup>th</sup> to February 21<sup>st</sup> and to accept the schedule of County Board Meetings. Dr. Vaughn Parfitt provided the second and the motion was approved by unanimous vote

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Mike Upton.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Greg Balog, Acting Secretary in the Absence of Mr. Nakia Davis of the Anderson County Board of Education

This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.