

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

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Upton called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 at the meeting: Mr. Mike Upton, Rev. Jason Dorriety, Mr. Doug Atkins, Dr. Willie Day, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Mr. Frank Kellam, Mr. Nakia Davis, and Mr. Joey Nimmer ex officio. Dr. Gary Burgess and Mr. Greg Balog joined by phone.

Board Members Absent:

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Doug Atkins made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Willie Day seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2023, Meeting: Rev. Jason Dorriety made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Bill Thompson, resident in School District 5. Superintendents: Robbie Binnicker, Jason Johns, Kathy Hipp, Dee Christopher and Brenda Kelley. Chief Financial officers from each District were present.

Mr. Bill Thompson spoke against approving the budget for School District 5.

Consideration of District One Budget: Mr. Doug Atkins presented the budget for Anderson School District One for the fiscal year FY2023-2024 in the amount of \$106,344,364 of which \$41,922,756 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal years FY2022-2023 was \$96,654,017 representing a budget increase of 10.03% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Atkins made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion. Discussion was held that addressed the merits and concerns of the budget as presented. Following discussion, with 8 approving and 1 opposing vote, Greg Balog, the Board approved District One's budget for fiscal year FY2023-2024

Consideration of District Two Budget: Rev. Jason Dorriety presented the budget for Anderson School District Two for the fiscal year FY2023-2024 in the amount of \$37,926,525 of which \$14,988,211 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal years FY2022-2023 was \$33,294,207 representing a budget increase of 13.91% for the new fiscal year. Rev. Dorriety made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion. Discussion was held that addressed the merits and concerns of the budget as presented. Following discussion, with 8 approving and 1 opposing vote, Frank Kellum the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2023-2024 for District Two.

Consideration of District Three Budget: Mr. Nakia Davis presented the budget for Anderson School District Three for the fiscal year FY2023-2024 in the amount of \$28,808,750 of which \$11,583,250 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal years FY2022-2023 was \$26,103,522 representing a budget increase of 10.36% for the new fiscal year. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Rev. Jason Dorriety seconded the motion. Discussion was held that addressed the merits and concerns of the budget as presented. Following discussion, with 8 approving and 1 opposing vote, Frank Kellum, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year FY2023-2024 for District Three.

Consideration of District Four Budget: Dr. Vaughn Parfitt presented the budget for Anderson School District Four for the fiscal year FY2023-2024 in the amount of \$38,447,928 of which \$21,340,496 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal years FY2022-2023 was \$35,184,871 representing a budget increase of 9.27% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Parfitt made a motion that we approve this budget request that meets State requirements and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded it. Discussion was held that addressed the merits and concerns of the budget as presented. Following discussion, with a unanimous vote, the Board approved District Four's budget for fiscal year FY2023-2024.

Consideration of District Five Budget: Dr. Willie Day presented the budget for Anderson School District Five for the fiscal year FY2023-2024 in the amount of \$148,160,680 of which \$72,300,560 is identified as local funding. The budget approved and implemented for fiscal years FY2022-2023 was \$140,901,768 representing a budget increase of 5.15% for the new fiscal year. Dr. Day made a motion to approve the budget request which meets State requirements and Mr. Doug Atkins seconded the motion. Discussion was held that addressed the merits and concerns of the budget as presented. Following discussion, with 6 approving and 3 opposing votes, Greg Balog, Frank Kellum and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, the Board approved District Five's budget for fiscal year FY2023-2024.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Joey Nimmer announced his resignation to the Board Members. He will continue to serve as Administrator for the Board of Education until November 15, 2023.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mr. Nimmer reported that all districts and county board for the month of June are slightly above the budgeted amount. A few more dollars should be posted for the 2022/2023 year. Posting should go through to the end of August for the current year.

B. Assessment Totals: Mr. Nimmer mentioned the new report for assessment totals county wide through the end of June 2023 is at \$989,664.00 value of one mil. The value of a mil should stay around \$990,000.00.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mr. Nimmer reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of June collected \$3,121,424.03, another strong month of collection. Three districts could have decreases in debt service millage this year. 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, security and technology.

Old Business:

New Business:

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

Mr. Nakia Davis 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 next Board meeting will be on Monday, August 21, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Mike Upton.

Respectfully submitted,

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