

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
November 20, 2023

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Upton called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Mr. Nakia Davis, Dr. Doug Atkins, Rev. Jason Dorriety, Mr. Greg Balog, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Frank Kellum, Mr. Joey Nimmer and Mrs. Susan Binninger ex officio.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Vaughn Parfitt

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Doug Atkins made a motion to approve the agenda. Rev. Jason Dorriety seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2023, Special called Meeting November 6, 2023

Meeting: Dr. Doug Atkins made a motion to approve the October meeting and November 6th Special Called meeting minutes and Rev. Jason Dorriety seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Mr. Dillingham and Nancy Upton.

Renaissance Academy Report: Mrs. Binninger provided the board members with the monthly report on enrollment information for the academy. Mrs. Binninger stated that there are 82 students currently enrolled as of November 3, 2023, nine are in the process of enrolling, which gives them 91 students. This time last year there were 63 students enrolled. On the back side of the report reasons for students leaving the academy are identified.

Administrator's Report: Mrs. Binninger stated that the Anderson County Legislative Delegation will be meeting in December and will have on their agenda to discuss appointing a new board member since Dr. Willie Day has resigned from Seat 9. Mr. David Blanding's resume will be forwarded to the Delegation and made known that he is willing to serve for the remainder of the appointment for Seat 9.

The annual convention of the SC School Boards Association will be held February 15-18, 2023, in Hilton Head. Mrs. Binninger needs to know who will be attending so that she can get everyone registered and hotel rooms booked.

Tucker's Restaurant is available to host the December 2023 meeting of the County Board along with the annual Christmas dinner with board members and staff on December 11, 2023. The usual meeting date of December 18 is unavailable.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mrs. Binninger reported that 8.5%-12.5% has been collected year to date. The numbers will continue to grow since Property taxes have been mailed out. Collections should go up more in the month of December, and up to January 16, 2024.

B. Assessment Totals: Mrs. Binninger mentioned the new report for assessment totals county wide through the end of October 2023 is at \$1,059,089.00 value of one mil. This grew by \$66,231.00 per mil. The growth is due to the posting of real property for the 2023 year. The value of a mil should fluctuate till the middle of January 2024.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mrs. Binninger reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of October collected \$3,212,248.25. Mrs. Binninger 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.

Old Business: None

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 Mr. Greg Balog and was followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Mike Upton made a motion for Mr. Joey Nimmer to keep his laptop. Dr. Gary Burgess so moved for the call of the question. The board voted unanimously for Mr. Joey Nimmer to be able to keep his laptop.

C. Meeting Date: The next Board meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 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.