

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**December 11, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Dr. Gary Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt and Mrs. Susan Binninger ex officio.

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2023 Meeting:** Dr. Vaughn Parfitt made a motion to approve the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and Mr. Nakia Davis seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: None**

**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 84 students currently enrolled as of December 1, 2023, nine are in the process of enrolling, which gives them 93 students. This time last year there were 68 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 on December 12, 2023, and will be voting on Mr. David Blanding, appointing for Seat 9. We will know by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> if he was appointed or not. Mr. David Blanding was interviewed last week by the Delegation. No one else submitted their names and resumes for the appointment of Seat 9.

## **Financial**

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mrs. Binninger reported that 20%-25% has been collected year to date. This is an increase, and the numbers will continue to grow with our property tax collection. Collections will continue to go up more for 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 November 2023 is at \$1,051,880.00 value of one mil. This is a decrease of \$7,209.00 per mil. The decrease is due to some property closing at 6% and then they discover that this is not their primary residence, then it is being reassessed at 4% for the 2023 year. There are also some agriculture reassessments. 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 November collected \$3,181,932.00. 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:** Mrs. Binninger has secured the rooms for the annual convention of the SC School Boards Association in February 2024. Anyone else that decides to go will have to stay in the overflow hotel. The agenda for the convention will be sent out closer to the date.

**New Business:**

**A. ADM Accounts Payable**

**B. SFS Accounts Payable**

Dr. Vaughn Parfitt made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Balog and was followed by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Binninger made a suggestion about changing the School Board of Education logo. This is being looked into and a presentation will be made in the future.

**C. Meeting Date:** The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

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.