

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**February 20, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mr. 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, Mr. Greg Balog, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. Frank Kellam, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Mr. David Blanding, Rev. Jason Dorriety, and Mrs. Susan Binninger ex officio.

**Board Members Absent:**

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

**Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2024, Meeting:** Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to approve the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period:** Will Dorriety

**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 86 students currently enrolled as of February 2, 2024, seven are in the process of enrolling, which gives them 93 students. This time last year there were 70 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 SC School Boards Association Convention was a success. They received a lot of information and had a wonderful time. All Board members will need to file their statement of Economic Interest electronically by March 30<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Dr. Vaughn Parfitt mentioned that Mr. Bobby Gowan would be the new administrator for the Renaissance Academy starting next school year. Mr. Gowan comes from school District 1. Any Board member that would like to attend School Board Day at the Capital in Columbia on April 10<sup>th</sup>, please let Mrs. Binninger know so she can register you for the event.

Mrs. Binninger stated that the Board of Education office will need a new server. The current server was given to them by school district 3 in 2012 when they were upgrading to a new server. The server keeps going down while the employees are working. Mrs. Binninger checked with the Superintendents from all of the school district to see if they would be willing to give the Board of Education office a percentage of their technology funds to help pay for the server. All five school districts are willing to help contribute to the purchase of the new server that will cost \$17,600. Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to show our appreciation to the school districts for their generosity. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

## Financial

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mrs. Binninger reported that everyone is at or above 100% collections for January year to date. The County Board and the Renaissance Academy are at 70%.

**B. Assessment Totals:** Mrs. Binninger mentioned the new report for assessment totals county wide through the end of January 2024 is at \$1,044,453,303 value of one mil. This is a decline due to the appeals that are being processed. It is a decrease of \$4,830.00 per mil. The value of a mil should start being stabilize since the appeals should be finished.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Lastly, Mrs. Binninger reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of January collected \$3,256,775.38. 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.

**Unfinished Business:** Mrs. Binninger handed out 3 revamped Logos for the Board of Education. The Board members voted on the change of the logo for the letterhead.

**New Business:** The employee manual was handed out to the Board members. Mrs. Binninger stated that the last time the manual was revised was in 2012. She will be emailing the Board members the updates that she would like to make for the Personnel committee to review. There will also be a Policy manual made for the employees. The Personnel committee will meet sometimes in March after the next Board Meeting to discuss these changes. The changes will be voted on at a later date.

### **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. Committee Assignments for 2024:** The 2024 Committee Assignments were given to all of the Board members. None of them had any objections of serving on the Committees that they were on in 2023 or assigned to for this year.

**Meeting Date:** The next Board meeting will be on Monday, March 18, 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.