

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
June 17, 2024

Call to Order: Chairman Mr. Mike Upton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Greg Balog was appointed as acting secretary for Mr. C. Nakia Davis for this evening's Board meeting.

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: Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Mr. Mike Upton, Dr. Gary Burgess, Dr. Doug Atkins, Mr. Greg Balog, Mr. David Blanding, Mr. Frank Kellam, Rev. Jason Dorriety, Mr. C. Nakia Davis, via phone, and Mrs. Susan Binninger ex officio.

Board Members Absent: None

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 – May 20, 2024, Meeting: Dr. Vaughn Parfitt made a motion to approve the May 20th meeting minutes and Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: Bill Thompson III, District 5 Citizen. Mr. Thompson voiced concerns about our board meetings not being posted on our website along with the area map not being posted as well. He would also like District 5 to be reprimanded for not swearing in their board members in a timely manner.

Administrator's Report: Mrs. Binninger stated that the Budget Workshops are scheduled for Monday, June 24th starting at 4:00 p.m. with Districts One and Five, Thursday, June 27th starting at 3:30 p.m. with District Two, Three and Four. She told the board that changes for District 3's budget had been made and the pages are provided for them in their folders and were sent to them by email. She also asked the board if there are any questions that she needs to reach out to the districts with for answers, so please email them to her. Mrs. Binninger announced that the Delegation meeting is on Tuesday, June 25th at 6:00 p.m. for the budgets to be passed for the Board of Education and Renaissance Academy. Mrs. Binninger reminded everyone of the School Law conference on August 10th and 11th in Charleston, SC at the Marriott. Registration is now open. Anyone else that would like to attend please let Mrs. Binninger know so she can get you registered, and a room booked. The rooms that have already been booked will be at the Marriott in the Historic District, 1 mile from the conference. The Mental Health Summer Program for Districts 1-4 has 20 students enrolled to participate this summer; 1 student has dropped from the summer program.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mrs. Binninger reported that all 5 Districts are above 100% collections for May year to date. This is due to the districts receiving more than they had anticipated. The County Board and Renaissance Academy is at 100%. The County Board will start collecting money from the School Districts in the next 2 weeks. The County Board operates on 1 mill and Renaissance Academy operates on 2 mills.

B. Assessment Totals: Mrs. Binninger mentioned the new report for assessment totals county wide through the end of May 2024 is at \$1,046,796,319. value of one mill. This is an increase of \$2846.00 per mill since April 2024. The value of a mill remains steady and should stay the same for the next few months. District 7 is a small portion of Pickens County that comes into District 4. A portion of the assessed value is pulled out and sent to District 7. The "Farm" is a special tax district in District 1. It is to provide infrastructure for certain communities in that district. The "Farm" will be on levy until 2026.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mrs. Binninger reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of May collected \$3,342,986.08. This is an increase from May of 2023 by approximately \$46,000. 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: None

New Business: Mrs. Binninger presented the buying of 9 new laptops, Chromebooks, for the Mental Health Counselors. They will be filing their information electronically this school year. The updated laptops will help with this program since they will need to meet the HIPPA Compliance. Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to approve the purchase of the new laptops. The money is in the budget for this purchase. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A. ADM Accounts Payable

B. SFS Accounts Payable

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

C. Staffing Open Position: A resume was presented to the board members to vote on a new Mental Health Counselor. Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to approve the new hire. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

D. Employee Manual: The changes to the employee manual were presented. After much discussion, questions and answers, Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to approve the changes except for the compensatory time, will be left under revision. Dr. Gary Burgess seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Meeting Date: The next Board meeting will be on Monday, July 15, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Mike Upton.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Greg Balog, Acting Secretary for Mr. C. Nakia Davis Secretary of the Anderson County Board of Education
This is a true and correct copy of notes taken at the meeting.