

Anderson County Board of Education
907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621
October 21, 2024

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

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. C. Nakia Davis

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

Approval of Minutes – September 16, 23, and October 10, 2024, Meeting: Mr. Mike Upton made a motion to table the September 16, 23, and October 10, 2024 meeting minutes after Dr. Gary Burgess recommended changes.

Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period: None present.

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 71 students currently enrolled as of October 9, 2024. Six are in the process of enrolling, which will be a total of 77 students. This time last year, there were 86 students enrolled. This is a decrease of 15 students since this time last year. On the back side of the report, reasons for students leaving the academy are identified.

Administrator's Report: Mrs. Binninger announced that the Advocacy Conference will be held in Charleston on December 7-8, if you would like to attend. This will be held at the Charleston Marriott. The Annual Conference on February 20 -23, 2025 will be held at the Kingston Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. The School Board will be celebrating their 75th anniversary.

Mrs. Binninger read a thank you note from Ms. Melissa Henderson, District Two Teacher of the Year, expressing her gratitude for the Board recognizing all the teachers that received Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Binninger reminded the board of our Christmas Dinner at The Gray House on Tuesday, December 17th. She asked that they fill out their meal selection form and give it to Joy at the next board meeting.

Financial

A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget: Mrs. Binninger reported that all 5 Districts and Renaissance Academy are at 4% to 5% collections for the tax year except for the County Board at 10%. This is due to the County Board receiving payments from the school districts.

B. Assessment Totals: Mrs. Binninger reviewed the new report for assessment totals county wide through the end of September 2024 is at \$1,047,451,691 value of one mill. This is a decrease of \$507.00 per mill. The value of a mill should increase next month due to properties being assessed at 6% instead of 4% for November. This will decline when appeals are processed.

C. Education Sales & Use Tax: Lastly, Mrs. Binninger reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of September collected was \$3,262,793.11. Collections continue to increase year over year and month over month. 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:

A. Budget Process Review: Mrs. Binninger included in the board members' packets two forms that are currently used and 2 new forms that have been revised that can be used for the budget review process. The forms are for the Supplemental Data and PCS. The County Board will decide which format they like better for the budget reviews. Questions and comments were made to help them decide on how they would like this information to be given for the budgets by the school districts. This information will help make the forms more readable when reviewing the budgets.

Executive Session: A motion was made at 6:46 pm to move to executive session by Dr. Gary Burgess, seconded by Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, and approved by all members. A motion was made by Dr. Vaughn Parfitt to exit executive session at 7:35 pm and seconded by Mr. Greg Balog. All board members approved. No action was taken during the executive session. The executive session ended at 7:35 pm.

New Business:

A. Accounts Payable:

After questions and discussions, 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.

Meeting Date: The next Board meeting will be on Monday, November 18, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by Mr. Mike Upton.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. David Blanding, 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.