

**Anderson County Board of Education**  
**907 North Main Street, Suite 202, Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**September 16, 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: Dr. Doug Atkins, Mr. Greg Balog, Mr. David Blanding, Dr. Gary Burgess, Mr. C. Nakia Davis, Rev. Jason Dorriety, Mr. Frank Kellam, Dr. Vaughn Parfitt, Mr. Mike Upton, and Mrs. Susan Binninger ex officio.

**Board Members Absent:**

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

**Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2024, Meeting:** Mr. C. Nakia Davis made a motion to approve the August 19, 2024, meeting minutes and Rev. Jason Dorriety seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

**Recognition of Media and Patrons / Public Comment Period:** Melissa Henderson (District 2 Teacher of the year), Terri Ivester (District 3 Teacher of the year), Bill Sheskey (District 4 Teacher of the year), Katie Black (District 5 Teacher of the year), Tara Brice–District 2, Kathy Hipp–District 3 Superintendent, Dee Christopher-District 4 Superintendent, Kevin Brady-Riverside Middle Assistant Principle, Brenda Kelley-District 5 Superintendent, Mary Boarts-BHP Principle, Angie and Scott Pitmon, Alex and Sara Beth Henderson, and Mrs. Sheskey.

**Recognition of Anderson County Districts' Teachers of the Year:** Recognitions were done by Doug Atkins for District 1 Candice Cherry, Rev. Jason Dorriety District 2 Melissa Henderson, Mr. C. Nakia Davis District 3 Terri Ivester, Dr. Gary Burgess District 4 Bill Sheskey, and Dr. Vaughn Parfitt District 5 Katie Black. Mr. Mike Upton presented the Teachers of the Year with a certificate and gift bag after saying inspiring words about teachers.

**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 September 6, 2024. Five are in the process of enrolling, which will be a total of 76 students. This time last year, there were 80 students enrolled. Enrollment is slightly lower than last year. 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 Board of Education website has been updated. The logo is a little different. The recommendation to put the map for the areas represented by the Board of Trustees on the web page has been met. The agendas, minutes, future board meetings, and the employee page have also been updated. Mrs. Binninger is trying to update our location with Google. Mrs. Binninger announced that the Advocacy Conference will be in Charleston on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please let Mrs. Binninger know if you would like to attend. This will be held at the Charleston Marriott.

## **Financial**

**A. Tax Collection YTD vs. Budget:** Mrs. Binninger reported that all 5 Districts and Renaissance Academy are at 2.5% to 3% collections for the tax year except for the County Board at 8%. 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 August 2024 is at \$1,047,958,691 value of one mill. This is a decrease of \$610.00 per mill. The value of a mill should remain steady until tax payments start coming in for November, December and January.

**C. Education Sales & Use Tax:** Lastly, Mrs. Binninger reported the Education Sales & Use Tax for the month of August collected \$3,260,907.67. 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 several forms that can be used for the budget review process. Amy Heard, CFO for district five and some other school district CFOs sent some information to help clarify their process when gathering the information for the school budgets each year. Mrs. Binninger presented the PCS form that we already use and excel spreadsheets and flow charts that other school districts use for the County Board to 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 6:54 PM to move to executive session by C. Nakia Davis, seconded by Vaughn Parfitt, and approved by all members of the board. A motion was made by C. Nakia Davis to exit executive session at 7:23 PM and seconded by Vaughn Parfitt. All board members approved. There were no votes or actions taken during the executive session.

**New Business:**

**A. ADM Accounts Payable:**

**B. SFS Accounts Payable**

After questions and discussions, Dr. Gary Burgess made a motion to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaughn Parfitt and was followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Mike Upton reminded the board members that are running for reelection and have or do not have an expense account, that the expense report is due 2 weeks before the election.

**Meeting Date:** The next Board meeting will be on Monday, October 21, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by Mr. Mike Upton.

Respectfully submitted,

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.