

**CONSTITUENT DISTRICT 20
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Burke High School – Media Center
244 President Street, Charleston, SC

OPEN SESSION

Board Members in Attendance: Downing Child, Stefanya D’Allesandro, Barbara Holmes, Diana Yarborough, and Loquita Bryant-Jenkins.

Board Liaison: Sharon Randall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m., by Board Chair, Downing Child.

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Diana Yarborough, seconded by Loquita Bryant-Jenkins, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Diana Yarborough, seconded by Downing Child, to approve the January 7, 2020 meeting minutes with the amendment of Diana Yarborough not attending or adjourning the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment/Visitors

Carolyn McChesney - Wagner terrace parent of James Simmons here to oppose the 7:30 a.m. start time for next year and a lot of concerns around the proposal. She mentioned that research shows children need a later start time for many reasons. A lot of kids are walkers, and will leave around 7:10 in the dark, and take into account parents jobs.

Dan McGlenn - James Simmons parent to oppose early start time and provided Board with medical research and data. He stated that when children start school before 8:00 there are more in class disruptions and the children are sleepy. Logistics shouldn’t come before children’s welfare.

Gervais Del Porto-professor at the Citadel; all kids need sleep. Let’s not go against science.

Maria Row-parent at James Simmons wanted to echo what everyone has said, health of children needs to come before logistics. We need an out-of-the-box solution to accommodate an 8:30 start time.

Bethany Nemaize- James Simons parent and parents will not be able to get to work early and get the children earlier, raising the cost of child care. She believes teachers are also in favor of later start time due to their children.

Dominique Godfree- James Simons mother; mentioned 7:30 was a really early start time for 3 year olds, she has a walker and biker in the dark and does not seem safe.

Taylor Sanchez- James Simons parent and stating the change is effecting all members of the family and family meal times, bonding time will suffer it will create a ripple effect.

Scott Stansford- James Simons parent and they will be walking in the dark, please keep the children safe.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (INFORMATION)

Jeff Scott, Executive Director of Transportation provided bell time and transportation updates to the board, received feedback and answered questions.

It was moved by Loquita Bryant-Jenkins, seconded by Diana Yarborough, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Student Discipline Hearings

20.16.20: Infraction: Assault, Simple (520)

20.17.20: Infraction: Probation Violation/Refusal to Obey (270)

OPEN SESSION

Vote on Executive Session Items (Action)

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District Updates

Sharon Randall shared school events and celebrations. She asked the members and community to vote on the academic calendar options online and provided a State of SC update to include that this was the year of investing in education.

Constituent Board Chair Report

No report this evening.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

Stefanya D'Allesandro mentioned the Memminger and College of Charleston partnership and also shared the dates and information for the James Simmons MLK parade.

Public Notification

None discussed.

Adjournment

It was motioned by Downing Child, and seconded by Barbara Holmes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Approved 2.11.20