

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom Conference Line) Minutes
January 19, 2021

Board Members Present: Monica Smith, Pat Cline, Tamy Lockhart, Dr. Karen Simmons, Renea Bligen, Leon Green, Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by the Board Chair, Monica Smith.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Leon Green, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Leon Green moved, seconded by Dr. Karen Simmons, to approve the minutes from the December 12th and 18th, meetings. The motion passed 7-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comments:

There were no comments submitted.

V. Constituent Board Chair Report

There was no report.

VI. District Updates:

Mr. Briggman provided an update on the status of the board's request for information regarding academics in District 9.

The Board of Trustees Regular meeting is scheduled for January 25th and Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for February 8th.

VII. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:

A. School Reports - Reports attached.

VIII. Old Business:

- 1. Letter to Consolidated Board** - Pat Cline moved, seconded by Monica Smith, to request Rev. Dr. Eric Mack, County Board Chair's, attendance at an upcoming District 9 Constituent Board meeting to respond to the December 18, 2020 letter sent to the Board of Trustees. The motion passed 7-0.
- 2. Schools SIC Links** - The board will continue encouraging schools to place information promoting their schools' SIC.
- 3. Highlights from January 11th Board Workshop** - Pat Cline briefly shared highlights from the January 11th workshop.
- 4. District 9 Rezoning Process** - The board revisited their rezoning discussion. While they are not prepared to move forward with rezoning at this time, board members plan to followup on this discussion regularly until they are prepared to initiate the rezoning process.
- 5. District 9 Bylaws** – Toshiba Champaigne provided an update on board member signature requirement for the recently amended bylaws. Ms. Champaigne confirmed that signatures were not needed as the documented consent of the board in the meeting minutes and noting the date the amendment was approved would suffice as documented proof of the board's approval.

IX. New Business:

Pat Cline attended the Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) meeting. CAJM is working with Charleston County School District to get more Restorative Practice into CCSD schools.

X. Announcements

Constituent Board Virtual Discipline Training – January 27th and February 1st.
Reminder – Frierson Elementary’s SIC Meeting, January 28th, 5:30 p.m. PTA Meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. Check the school’s websites for meetings listed through April.
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Dr. Simmons thanked board members for the support provided to children in need in District 9. She shared that the Class of 1979 will also be joining in on future efforts to help District 9 families.

XI. Adjournment:

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Approved 02.02.21

District 9 School Updates

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St. John's High – Dr. Karen Simmons

- 240 students currently attending in person and 140 learning virtually.
- Virtual students are continuing to struggle.
- Mr. Larson is working with 13 seniors towards graduation.
- St. John's Chapel Church donated \$880.00, \$600 went towards football.

Mt. Zion Elementary – Dr. Karen Simmons

As a follow-up to the December 15th board discussion, Dr. Simmons contacted Mt. Zion's administrator regarding the students that were receiving services through Stiles Point and how they were being treated. Dr. Simmons shared that conditions have improved.

Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford

- Reminder – SIC/PTA January 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- Rev. Ford attended SIC training in December 2020.

Haut Gap Middle – Leon Green

Mr. Green met with Principal Benintendo, who shared the following:

- Renovations began at the end of December for the media center.
- Building project underway this month to include a music room, open air and formal entrance to the gym.
- Current enrollment is 505.
- 65% of students are attending in-person.
- No SIC meeting for January. The next meeting will be in February.