

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**St. John's High School - Cafeteria**  
**1518 Main Road, Johns Island, SC**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Gertie Smalls Ford, Jennifer Young, Pat Cline, Karen Simmons, Leon Green, Jeff Fine (*Monica Smith absent*)

**Liaison(s) Present:** Susan Watson-Bell

**School Administrator(s) Present:** Daniel Vella - Haut Gap, Jerome McDaniel - St. John's, Anna Mims - Mt. Zion

**School Support Representative Present:** Alfred Gregg

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order, Invocation/Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance:**

The board meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Gertie Smalls Ford, followed by the invocation, a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Jennifer Young moved, with a second by Jeff Fine, to adopt the agenda with the following amendments. The motion passed.(6-0)

*Amendments:*

*Additional item III. Approval of Minutes*

**III. Approval of Minutes**

No minutes provided.

**IV. Visitors/Public Comments**

St. John's Junior Islanders

**V. Executive Session:**

Gertie Smalls Ford moved, with a second by Karen Simmons, to enter the Executive Session.

A. Student Discipline Update

Received updates from student and parents and will follow up with any addressed issues.

B. Student Discipline Hearing

5.3.22 (380) Probation Violation

5.4.22 (700) Other Offenses - Criminal

5.5.22 (020) Major Disruption (027) Threat (520) Assault, Simple

**VI. Open Session Reconvened:**

A motion was made by Gertie Ford Smalls, seconded by Pat Cline, to return to open session.

**VII. Vote on Executive Session Items:**

**5.3.22: (absentia - motion #1)** A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Jeff Fine, to assign student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum of 30 days and place the student on district probation for the remainder of the school year.

**5.3.22 (absentia - motion #2)** A motion was made by Gertie Fords Smalls, seconded by Karen Simmons, to allow the student to return to school on district probation for the remainder of the school year and assign the student to complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service to be completed by February 25, 2023. The motion passed 4-2 (P. Cline, J. Fine)

**5.4.22:** A motion was made by, Jennifer Young, seconded by Jeff Fine, that in lieu of expulsion, assign the student to Daniel Jenkins Academy until successful completion of the program. Student will also be on district probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 6-0.

**5.5.22:** A motion was made by Jeff Fine, seconded by Jennifer Young, that in lieu of expulsion, assign the student to Liberty Hill Academy until successful completion of the program and on district probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 6-0

**VIII. District Updates**

Susan Watson-Bell, Superintendent's Designee, shared upcoming dates:

- Committee of The Whole - February 13, 2023
- Board of Trustees - February 27, 2023
- District Recruitment Event at R.B. Stall High School - February 10, 2023

**IX. Announcements**

St. John's High School tail gate on February 28, 2023: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Next regular meeting - February 7, 2023

**X. Adjournment:**

Gertie Smalls Ford moved, with a second by Leon Green, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.

**Approved 2.7.2023**