

St. Andrew's Constituent District 10 Board of Trustees

Special Called Meeting Minutes

St. Andrew's Campus, Media Center

January 30, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Rodney Lewis, David Bell, Cynthia Anderson, Jennifer Osteen

Board Members Absent: Lisa Niemeyer

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order:

The board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair, Rodney Lewis.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda:

Jennifer Osteen moved, with a second by David Bell, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 3-0.

IV. Purpose:

Mr. Lewis shared that the board was here to create a small attendance zone for Ashley River Creative Arts, as requested by the CCSD Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lewis provided responses to the following questions:

How many students will be affected in the upcoming school year?

Option 1 – Based on 2018-2019 enrollment, there were 29 kindergarten students residing in this area. *While they reside in Stono Park and Springfield's zone, all students were not attending Stono Park and Springfield Elementary schools.

Option 2 – Based on 2018-2019 enrollment, there were 51 kindergarten students residing in this area. *While they reside in Stono Park and Springfield's zone, all students were not attending Stono Park and Springfield Elementary schools.

How many students are affected (overall number)?

There are approximately 120 students who attend CCSD schools in the new zone. Assuming that they are evenly enrolled K-6, this would mean approximately 20 students per grade would be eligible to enroll in ARCA.

What does the phase-in plan look like?

Each year a grade would be added until all grades (K-6) are included in the school.

- 2020-21 - Add Kindergarten
- 2021-22 - Add 1st grade
- 2022-23 - Add 2nd grade
- 2023-24 - Add 3rd grade
- 2024-25 - Add 4th grade

- 2025-26 - Add 5th grade

Will transportation be provided? Yes

When will the new zone be added to the School Look-up tool? Two weeks once a decision is made.

How will siblings be handled?

ARCA sibling seating priorities will occur as in past years for applicants to grades 1-5 who have a brother or sister (sibling) currently enrolled at ARCA. ARCA typically has very few seats open in grades 1-5 and those few seats have been filled in random order first by siblings of currently attending students (sibling priority #1). Sibling priorities do not guarantee seats will be available.

This year ARCA will have zoned kindergarten students. We strongly encourage all zoned kindergartners to complete a school choice application to ARCA if they also have a sibling submitting an application for grades 1-5 at ARCA. When both complete the application it will activate the lottery process to link the "applying" siblings for seating priority.

All zoned kindergartners will be seated first in random order and their "applying" siblings will be considered next for open seats in grades 1-5 or waitlisted. After zoned kindergartners are placed, non-zoned kindergarten applicants who have a currently attending sibling will be randomized to offer the next available seat or waitlisted.

If a zoned kindergarten student does not complete an application during the school choice application by the February 28, 6:00 pm deadline, we will not be able to later add their application to link to a sibling.

How will the notification go out to parents to let them know of the new zone?

A letter will be sent from the school to let them know. School administration will coordinate with the Office of Strategy & Communications.

V. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

VI. Old Business (Discussion/Potential Action)

Chairman Lewis called for a vote on the Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary Attendance Zone.

Cynthia Anderson moved, with a second by Jennifer Osteen, to approve Option 1 for the Ashley River Creative Arts attendance zone with a phase-in starting at kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. The board will review the zone annually to ensure that it remains below the 25% total student enrollment, as requested by the County Board of Trustees. The board approved 4-0.

VII. Motion to Adjourn:

Rodney Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed 4-0.

Approved 2.12.20