

**James Island Constituent District 3 Board of Trustees**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Cynthia Smalls, George Tempel, Katy Calloway, Sue McManus, Susannah Sheldon

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:**

The board meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by the Board Chair, Katy Calloway, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Dr. George Tempel moved, with a second by Susannah Sheldon, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. George Tempel moved, seconded by Cynthia Smalls, to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 and January 26, 2021, meetings with the necessary corrections. The motion passed 5-0.

**IV. Visitors/Public Comment:**

No public comments.

**V. District Updates:**

Dr. Swearingen shared that school are closed February 15<sup>th</sup>, offices are open. February 22<sup>nd</sup> is an E-learning day. Additional students returned to school on February 8<sup>th</sup>, which was the start of the second semester.

Ms. Calloway thanked District 3 Administrators for joining the board meeting this evening. Principals were given an opportunity to share news and updates.

**Camp Road Middle – Lara Latto**

Brought back 40 new students for in person learning on Monday.

Enrollment is at 680.

Recognized the 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers for doing a great job with MAP scores.

She noted that the school as a whole did a great job.

There are around 150 students virtual, by choice.

**Harbor View Elementary – Mark Connors**

Brought back 27 students on February 8<sup>th</sup>

85% of students are back in person. The remaining students are virtual, by choice.

Process continues to get a little easier as they continue to work out the kinks.

Looking forward to second semnetser and seeing awesome gains.

**James Island Elementary – Jonetta Gregory**

Brought back additional students on Monday.

Smooth transition and parents were well prepared.

Approximately 70 students virtual, by choice.

Seeing lots of MAP growth, especially in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Preparing for the rest of the school year.

## VI. Constituent Board Reports:

### A. Chairperson's Report

- a. Recap of meeting with Consolidated Board Member  
Ms. Calloway had a conversation with Dr. Kristen French where she was able to share some of the things that were prioritizing on James Island. Much of what was shared was compiled from conversations with D3 principals focusing on mental health and family supports and working on support for math and reading. Ms. Calloway's goal is to continue to press forward with the Consolidated Board to ensure that District 3's concerns are heard. She hopes to keep the line of communication open with Dr. French and board members.
- b. Recap of meeting with Strengthening Families Program Coordinators  
In response to concerns shared about parental support, Ms. Calloway did a little digging and found a program called Strengthening Families, The program is sponsored by Carolina Children's Trust. She reached out to them about facilitating a program just for James island families. The program serves caregivers and students ages 6-11 (elementary aged). It is a 14-week curriculum and it helps with behaviors, discipline, how to improve relationships with your kids, communication skills, providing academic support, and family stressors. The classes meet once a week and they provide a meal to the families that participate. Right now they are doing virtual classes and they have a class that is starting on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. She let administrators know that if any had families they wanted to refer she will send out the flier. Families can register online. Going forward, she is hoping they are able to bring an in-person program to James Island in the spring.
- c. Discipline Training  
All District 3 board members completed their discipline training.

### B. Board Members' Report

- a. School Updates  
Murray LaSaine – Dr. George Tempel  
Murray LaSaine's meeting is this evening. Dr. Tempel will provide an update during the next board meeting.

Ms. Calloway mentioned the Annual Report and increasing communication between the Consolidated Board and the Constituent Board. Toshiba Champaigne gave an overview of the Annual Report and provided information on the scheduling of quarterly meetings between the County and Constituent Board chairs. Ms. Champaigne noted that some of 2020's scheduled meetings were postponed or canceled due to COVID. Ms. Champaigne also reminded the board of the *Request for Information* and *Request to Attend* forms that can be used to request information or formally request the attendance of district staff for their meetings.

#### **James Island Elementary - Cynthia Smalls**

Delivered new clothing and other items to the school in response to a post on social media expressing a need for items.

Ms. Smalls also thanked to Ms. Gregory for her leadership and the work that she is doing at James Island Elementary.

#### **Stiles Point Elementary – Katy Calloway**

Stiles Point PTA has not met in a while and there are no upcoming plans for a meeting. They will keep Ms. Calloway posted on upcoming meetings.

Dr. Tempel shared that the SIC is working on a Blessing Box.

In response to a request from Sharon Randall, Ms. Calloway looked into plans for a sidewalk along Camp Road. She spoke with a County representative who shared that it is held up over maintenance agreement.

Dr. Tempel asked Ms. Latto about the light at Camp Road and Folly. Ms. Latto stated that they are trying to come up with other ideas to speed up the car line and reduce the number of students that are walking down Camp Road.

**Camp Road Middle - Susannah Sheldon**

Outdoor club will start again in March. Partnered with James Island County Park for several years. A county park bus picks up a small group of kids once a week for about 6 weeks and teaches them a variety of outdoor activities.

Mr. Brown, art teacher, was named Camp Road Middle Teacher of the Year, this year.

**VII. Old Business:**

A. First Reading of District 3 Bylaws

A motion was made by Dr. George Tempel, seconded by Susannah Sheldon, to approve the first reading of the District 3 Bylaws, with the stated corrections. The board approved 5-0.

**VIII. New Business:**

Ms. Champagne reminded the board of the upcoming due date for their Statement of Economic Interests. Instructions and statements were placed in the mail on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Board members have until March 30<sup>th</sup> to file.

**IX. Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Dr. George Tempel, seconded by Susannah Sheldon, to move into Executive Session. The motion was approved 5-0.

A. Hardship Student Transfer Request

**X. Open Session Reconvened:**

A motion was made by Dr. George Tempel, seconded by Cynthia Smalls, to return to Open Session. The motion was approved 5-0.

**XI. Vote of Executive Session Item (Action):**

A. Hardship Student Transfer Request

A motion was made by Dr. George Tempel, seconded by Katy Calloway, to approve the hardship request for students X-A1 and X-A2 to James Island Elementary School. The motion was approved 5-0.

**XII. Announcements:**

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Dr. George Tempel requested MAP scores for District 3 schools.

**XIII. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Katy Calloway, seconded by Susannah Sheldon, to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

**Approved 3.9.21**