

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

St. John's High School – Cafeteria, 1518 Main Road, Johns Island, SC

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Board Chair – Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, Board Vice Chair - Jennifer Young, Pat Cline, Jeff Fine, Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer, Leon Green

Board Members Absent: Monica Smith

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Jeff Fine, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Jennifer Young moved, with a second by Pat Cline, to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

A. February 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Jennifer Young, to approve the meeting minutes with correction. The motion passed 5-0.

B. February 21, 2023 – Regular Meeting

IV. Visitors/Public Comments: None

V. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Jennifer Young, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0.

A. Discipline Hearings

5.7.22 Infraction (380) Probation Violation

5.8.22 Infraction (520) Assault, Simple

5.9.22 Infraction (580) Drug Possession 2

VI. Open Session Reconvened:

A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Jeff Fine, to move into Open Session. The motion passed 6-0.

VII. Vote on Executive Session Items:

A. Discipline Hearings

5.7.22 – A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Jeff Fine, to place student 5.7.22 at Turning Point Academy for 30 days on probation for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion passed 6-0.

5.8.22 – A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Karen Simmons-Palmer, to place student 5.8.22 at Turning Point Academy for 45 days on probation for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion passed 4-2, Jeff Fine and Gertie Smalls-Ford opposed.

5.9.22 – A motion was made by Jennifer Young, seconded by Pat Cline, to expel student 5.9.22 from CCSD for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion passed 5-1, Leon Green opposed.

VIII. Constituent Board Report:

A. Updates from Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, District 9 Constituent Board Chair – Junior Islanders game 3.8.23 at St. Johns. It is senior night and they have asked the board to attend. She attended open house at St. Johns as they discussed teacher retention, student retention, acquisition, budgeting, new curriculum, PTA, and SIC. Mr. Joyner was elated and shared with parents and other Constituents that St. John is no longer under State Deficit Guidelines; Academically.

IX. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:

A. School Updates

St. Johns – Spring sports have begun. There is a meeting on the 16th to discuss PTSO.

Angel Oak – School tour coming up on 3.24.23 at 9am. PBIS focus for March is Family Engagement through Reading. Several grades have field trips scheduled for this month.

Mt. Zion – Monthly SIC meeting will be 3.8.23 at 5 in the library. Title I Schoolwide Planning meeting will precede SIC meeting at 4:15. First ever Reading Carnival will be 3.11.23 from 11-1. Annual Vocabulary Parade is 3.10.23 at 8:50.

X. District Updates:

A. The board received updates from the District 9 Superintendent’s Designee – CCSD survey is open to vote for calendar options for next year. COW is 3.13.23 and BOT is 3.27.23.

XI. Old Business:

Letter for sidewalk from Angel Oak to St. Johns is being worked on by Ms. Young.

XII. New Business:

Review of Bylaws – remove location.

XIII. Announcements:

Mt. Zion tour of Mary Ford is 3.16.23 at 9am. Tour of Math & Science is 3.27.23. Soup & Seeds is 3.17.23 from 5-7 at St. Johns. Tennis courts on Johns Island meeting is 3.19.23.

XIV. Adjournment:

Leon Green moved, with a second by Jennifer Young, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.

Approved 04.04.23