

James Island Constituent District 3 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 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 5:46 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 Katy Calloway, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 3-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Dr. George Tempel moved, seconded by Cynthia Smalls, to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021, meeting with the necessary corrections. The motion passed 3-0.

Sue McManus and Susannah Sheldon arrived.

IV. Visitors/Public Comment:

No public comments.

V. District Updates:

A. Update on portables at Stiles Point Elementary

Mr. Jeff Borowy, Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief overview of capacity and enrollment on James Island. Mr. Borowy responded to concerns regarding the portables at Stiles Point. In summary, he shared that the plan for Stiles Point was a contingency. He noted that because of the planning it takes to put trailers in, they try to do the legwork ahead of time. Trailers are not being installed at Stiles Point for CD classes. Mr. Borowy will let the board know if a decision is made to put the trailers at Stiles Point this summer. Lastly, Mr. Borowy talked about the building program on James Island. As it relates to District 3, the project included an Early Education Center on the old James Island Middle School Campus. *The building plan was approved by the Consolidated Board in July 2020. The list was voted on and approved by taxpayers in November 2020.*

Board members reiterated their concerns and the need for more communication and transparency between the Constituent Board and the district.

B. Board Updates

Ms. English-Watson shared that the Student Transfer Process opened March 1st and will remain open through March 31st. The second round (late transfers) will open June 15th – July 15th.

The district is working with several medical facilities to administer COVID vaccinations to teachers and school staff.

Spring Break is scheduled April 5 – April 9th. All schools and offices will be closed during Spring Break.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13th. District 3 will review student transfers received during the April 13th meeting.

Lastly, Ms. English-Watson provided a brief update from the March 8th Committee of the Whole meeting. She encouraged board members to tune in to the meetings, which are available on the District's YouTube channel.

VI. Constituent Board Reports:

A. Chairperson's Report

Ms. Calloway shared that she will be meeting with Board of Trustees Chair, Rev. Dr. Eric Mack, on March 17th. She asked board members to let her know if they have anything they would like her to ask of Rev. Dr. Mack so she can include it in their discussion.

Ms. Calloway will be speaking to Stiles Point's PTO at the end of the month.

B. Board Members' Report

Murray LaSaine – Dr. George Tempel

Murray LaSaine's PTO is using some of their funds raised to purchase tricycles for their students. The school is looking into a dress code for students. However, it was placed on hold this year due to COVID.

Murray LaSaine was included in a \$12 million EIR grant awarded to all schools in Districts 3 and 23 that would provide teachers with \$1,500 for professional development each year.

MLES Principal, Meredith Wallace, provided the following clarification (via email) in response to Dr. Tempel's report:

-We handled the medical emergency very well. We should have communicated sooner with parents about what was happening as the emergency occurred right at dismissal, impacting buses and car line. We will better our communication, but our response to the actual medical emergency was spot on.

-The \$12 million grant is for all schools in D3 and D23, not just Montessori. It's the EIR grant and will be a 5 year grant providing teachers \$1,500 for professional development each year.

-Dress code: we put the dress code for students on hold this year due to COVID. We need to determine what is happening next year.

Camp Road Middle – Susannah Sheldon

Most of what was discussed during the SIC this month was around the new dismissal procedures that resulted from bringing more students back seemed to be going smoothly and parents have been cooperating with them. There are two 6th graders that are in the CCSD orchestra for violin. She also shared that the Robotics Team is going to the state championship this year. The PTO sponsored two successful gaming tournaments this past month and is hosting an online auction in April. Lastly, the school is hosting a poetry contest this month with the theme of "Spring."

James Island Elementary - Cynthia Smalls

Met with SIC on March 3rd. Some of the concerns were around trailers and rezoning. SIC is doing an excellent job. SIC leadership will reach out to Ms. Champaigne to coordinate a meeting with the District 3 Board.

Ms. Smalls also shared that her church, Greater Bethel, will be delivering supplies to the school on Monday.

VII. Old Business:

A. Second Reading of District 3 Bylaws

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

VIII. New Business:

No new business discussed.

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

IX. Executive Session:

A. Hardship Student Transfer Request

X. Open Session Reconvened:

A motion was made by Dr. George Tempel, seconded by Susannah Sheldon, 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 student IX-A1 to James Island Elementary School. The board approved 5-0.

A motion was made by Dr. George Tempel, seconded by Sue McManus, to approve a request to remain at Harbor View Elementary School for student IX-A2. The request was approved for the remainder of the current school year only. The motion was approved 5-0.

XII. Announcements:

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XIII. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Katy Calloway, seconded by Susannah Sheldon, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Approved 4.13.21