

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

St. John's High School - Cafeteria

1518 Main Road, Johns Island, SC

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

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

Board Member Absent: Leon Green

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Jennifer Young.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Gertie Smalls-Ford moved, with a second by Pat Cline, to adopt the agenda with amendment to remove 5.10.22 and include minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

III. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Jennifer Young moved, with a second by Pat Cline, to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed 6-0.

A. March 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Karen Simmons-Palmer, to amend the meeting minutes with correction. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comments:

None.

V. Executive Session:

Pat Cline moved, seconded by Jeff Fine, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0.

A. Discipline Hearings

5.11.22 Infraction (570) Drug Distribution

VI. Open Session Reconvened:

Pat Cline moved, seconded by Monica Smith, to return to Open Session. The motion passed 6-0.

VII. Vote on Executive Session Item:

A. Discipline Hearings

5.11.22 – A motion was made by Karen Simmons-Palmer, seconded by Jeff Fine, to assign student 5.11.22 to the CCSD ADAPT Program for further review of services and place on district probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 6-0.

VIII. Constituent Board Report:

A. Updates from Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, District 9 Constituent Board Chair – Constituent Board Chairs met at Turning Point academy on 3.16. Constituent Board Chairs will visit Daniel Jenkins Academy; One of our alternative placement schools on 3.30. Rev. Ford and Ms. Young drafted letter regarding sidewalk needed from Chisolm Rd. to Main Road for St. John's students who walk to and from school. Rev. Ford was honored as the Jr. Celtics and Jr. Islanders teams "Nana" for her unwavering support during their awards program.

IX. Constituent Board School Liaison Report

A. School Updates –

Frierson – Dr. Cummings wants to come to present to the board. PTA Meeting is 3/23.
PTA block party is 3/31.

Mt. Zion – 3/24 is career day. 3/28 is field trip to Gaillard. I-READY testing coming up.
Tour of Mt. Zion is 3/31. Looking for reading role models for 4/7 at 9am, board members
are asked to participate by coming to read.

X. District Updates:

A. Updates from the District 9 Superintendent’s Designee – Budget season is coming up.
Teacher raises will be discussed at the Committee of Whole. There are community
listening sessions for EL coming up.

XI. Old Business:

Check on Frierson letter that was sent to county board regarding Frierson historical marker.
Was there a response and did they review it?

XII. New Business:

A. Review & Revision of Bylaws

Article II – Change number of meetings missed to 3 meetings in a row.

Article III – Revise section numbers, missing section 2.

Article III – Section 1 E – Amend to align with Roberts Rules of Order.

Article III – Section 5 – Add letter D – Members should respond to district liaison to say
they received meeting materials and whether or not they will attend meetings to make
sure there is a quorum.

Article IV – Section 1 A - *Want to change to 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.*
Not possible at this time.

Article IV – Section 1 B – Shall be at designated location unless otherwise specified.

Article IV – Section 2 B – At discretion of board.

Article V – Section 2 D – Change attach to attack in second to last sentence.

B. 2nd reading of the Sidewalk Letter.

XIII. Announcements

A. Pat Cline updated the board – Parents in Hollywood to meet with Mr. Kennedy and the
SC Early Learning Dept.

Turning Point at Clark tour was awesome. It is a great alternative opportunity for
students.

Mt. Zion principal continues to have coffee with the principal.

St. Johns no longer receiving state funding because they are no longer failing.

Haut Gap not using EL curricula is a problem because students are not prepared.

There will be a reception for Renea Bligen to present her plaque.

XIV. Adjournment:

Pat Cline moved with a second by Jennifer Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Approved 04.04.23