

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022

Board Members Present: Renea Bligen, Gertie Ford, Pat Cline, Leon Green, Karen Simmons, Cheryl Glover

Board Members Absent: Monica Smith

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Renea Bligen, in absence of the board chair, followed by a moment of silence.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Rev. Gertie Ford moved, with a second by Cheryl Glover, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Pat Cline moved, seconded by Rev. Gertie Ford, to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2022, meeting, as written. The motion passed 5-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comment:

There were no visitors or public comments.

Rev. Gertie Ford moved, seconded by Leon Green, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 5-0.

V. Election of Officers:

A. Vice Chair

The board postponed this action until later in the meeting to allow the participation of all board members.

The board took action during New Business.

VI. Executive Session:

A. Discipline Hearing

5.15.21: (650) Intimidation (verbal)/(380) Probation Violation

Dr. Simmons arrived shortly after the board moved into Executive Session.

B. Student Transfer Application

VII. Open Session Reconvened:

VIII. Vote on Executive Session:

5.15.21 – Cheryl Glover made a motion to place student 5.15.21 at Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 45 days on strict board probation. 5-0-1 (Pat Cline abstained).

Renea Bligen moved, second by Karen Simmons, to deny the request. 6-0.

IX. District Updates:

Board Liaison, Bill Briggman, provided the following updates.

- Contracts for all certified staff were issued last week.
- Last day for students is June 2nd.
- Committee of the Whole - May 9, 2022
- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting - May 23, 2022
- Update on vacancies in District 9 and recruitment issues.

X. Constituent Board Reports:

A. School Updates – attached.

XI. Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed.

XII. New Business:

A. 2022-2023 Regular Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Dr. Karen Simmons, to approve the 2022-2023 regular meeting schedule.

B. Annual Report (Preliminary Discussion)

While a date has not been established for board reporting, the board was reminded that presentations will be coming up in the fall. The board should begin gathering information they would like to include in their report.

Election of Officer – Vice Chair

A motion was made by Renea Bligen, seconded by Pat Cline, to appoint Cheryl Glover as vice-chair of the board. The motion passed 6-0.

XIII. Announcements:

Ms. Cline shared that the Restorative Practice Training she attended was exceptional. She mentioned concerns about test scores. She also asked if there will be accountability through ESSER funding to ensure that the money is being utilized for its intended purpose.

A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Rev. Gertie Ford, for the board to write a letter to the Board of Trustees to request that the old Mt. Zion building be considered for an early childhood center similar to the Mary Ford center. The motion passed 6-0.

XIV. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved 5.17.22

District 9 School Updates

May 3, 2022

Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford

- May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- Wednesday, May 2 Progress Reports Home
- Friday, May 6 Lower Elementary Bridging Ceremony @ 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 10 SIC Meeting @ 5:30 PM; PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, May 11 Primary Field Trip to Bugby Plantation

Students in grades 3-5 will take the SCReady Field Test on Monday, April 25th @ 9:15 AM and additionally they will take the state tests on the following dates:

- ELA Day 1 - May 5th @ 9:15 am
- ELA Day 2 - May 9th @ 9:15 am
- Math - May 17th @ 9:15 am
- Science (4th grade only) - May 19th @ 9:15 am

Updates - Pat Cline

School Updates (Angel Oak, Frierson, Mt. Zion)

- Angel Oak Elementary SIC has been postponed until May 2 at 6pm.
- Mt Zion SIC was held in person on April 6 at 5pm. The Mt Zion newsletter included information about the SIC meeting. Next meeting will be May 11, 2022. There is a Title 1 meeting scheduled for Friday, April 29 at 2pm.
- Frierson SIC meeting was held on April 18, 2022. Principal Cummings reviewed the planning process to complete the Comprehensive Needs Assessment required by Title 1 schools. The Home School Compact and the Parent Engagement Policy were reviewed, and parents were encouraged to give suggestions and feedback.
Dr. Cummings announced school tours on the following days at 9am and 10:45 am. April 20, April 27, and May 4. I attended the tour on April 28th. There are 140 students on the waitlist for Frierson. Renovations will begin on June 3rd.
The next SIC meeting will be on May 10th at 5:30 followed by PTA at 6:30.

General Updates and Information

- I attended Restorative Practice Training at St. John's High School on April 18th and 19th.
- I encourage the D9 board members to compose and send a letter to the Board of Trustees recommending that the current Mt Zion building be converted into an Early Learning Center for D9 students and parents once the new D9 elementary school is built.
- ESSER plans for all schools are on the CCSD website.

Mt. Zion Elementary – Cheryl Glover

Ms. Glover attended Mt. Zion's SIC meeting and shared the following highlights:

- Increase in enrollment to where a new 3rd-grade class will be added.
- Funding will support a new guidance counselor.
- ESSER funds will be used to support hiring new teachers.

St. John's High – Dr. Karen Simmons

- Progress reports went out on May 2nd.
- Multicultural program this Friday to bring students together. Starts at 9:15 on Friday.
- June 1st and 2nd are half days for students.
- SIC is Monday, May 9th.
- Tennis team won division again.