

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, August 23, 2022 5:30 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Monica Smith.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, with a second by Renea Bligen, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

III. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

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

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IV. Visitors/Public Comments: None

V. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Renea Bligen, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0.

A. Discipline Hearing

5.18.21 – (510) Assault, Aggravated

B. Expulsion Readmit Meeting

C. Student Transfer Applications

VI. Open Session Reconvened:

A motion was made by Gertie Smalls-Ford, seconded by Pat Cline, to move into Open Session. The motion passed 5-0.

VII. Vote on Executive Session Items:

A. Discipline Hearing

5.18.21 – A motion was made by Monica Smith, seconded by Pat Cline, to return student 5.18.21 to school on probation for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion passed 5-2. Renea Bligen and Gertie Smalls-Ford opposed.

Monica Smith and Karen Simmons left meeting.

B. Expulsion Readmit Meeting

5.14.21 – A motion was made by Gertie Smalls-Ford, seconded by Pat Cline, to return student 5.14.21 to school on probation for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion passed 4-1. Renea Bligen opposed.

C. Student Transfer Applications

Mt. Zion – 1 – Direct Placement
2 – Direct Placement

Angel Oak – 1 – Does Not Meet

St. Johns High – 1 – Direct Placement

VIII. District Updates: (Information)

Committee of the Whole is meeting September 12.

Questions from the Board:

1. Is the county board voting on the primary and secondary school for Johns Island?
2. How many student transfers were overturned for D9?
3. Is there a flowchart for 75 Calhoun?

IX. Constituent Board Report:

There are 2 teacher vacancies at St. Johns that will be filled with long term subs by the Proximity Program.

St. Johns did not have a freshman orientation.

Work was done at Frierson to expand classes over the summer. They are trying to become a total Montessori with 6th grade.

There is no information about Haut Gap orientation. Is there a school improvement and PTA at Haut Gap?

Mt. Zion SIC meeting is September 14 at 5pm. Kiawah Cares and Title I funding is assisting the school.

Two board members attended football session with food and snacks provided.

Angel Oak Elementary held Meet and Greet events for students and parents on Monday, August 15th, and Tuesday, August 16th during the morning and early afternoon hours.

X. Constituent Board School Liaison Report

XI. Old Business: None

XII. New Business: None

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment:

Cheryl Glover adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Approved 09.07.22