

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom) Minutes
August 24, 2021

Board Members Present: Monica Smith, Dr. Karen Simmons, Leon Green, Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, Pat Cline, Tamy Lockhart, Renea Bligen

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Board Chair, Monica Smith.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Renea Bligen moved, with a second by Rev. Gertie Ford, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Rev. Gertie Ford moved, seconded by Pat Cline, to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021 meeting. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comments:

No Public Comments submitted by the established deadline.

V. District Updates:

Mr. Bill Briggman, Board Liaison, provided an update on vacancies in District 9.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Committee of the Whole Meeting – Monday, September 13, 2021
- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Monday, September 27, 2021

VI. Constituent Board Report:

A. Updates from Ms. Monica Smith, District 9 Constituent Board Chair

1. Annual Report Presentation Update

Ms. Smith noted that she was not able to present District 9's Annual Report during the August 9th meeting. She has been in touch with Chairman Rev. Dr. Mack and he would like to make arrangements for Ms. Smith to present during the September Committee of the Whole meeting.

VII. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:

A. School Updates – Report attached.

Ms. Smith expressed a need for District 9 Administrators to coordinate the dates and times for events in District 9 schools. Consideration needs to be given to families that may have children in multiple schools and are not able to attend events and scheduled meetings as needed, because they are being scheduled at the same time or not enough time in between to travel from one location to the next.

VIII. Old Business:

Ms. Cline shared concerns that were expressed to her about the restroom furniture in the CD classes at Angel Oak.

IX. New Business:

A. ESSER Funds – Ms. Cline would like the D9 board to have a conversation about what District 9 priorities are for ESSER funds. The board would like to have a

conversation before district personnel meets with the board. Ms. Cline suggested that the board carve out time during the next meeting to discuss D9's use of ESSER funds.

B. Angel Oak Elementary Capacity – In response to the update received on Angel Oak Elementary School, Mr. Briggman shared the following feedback from Jeff Borowy, Chief Operating Officer.

- 4 trailer classrooms were installed this summer to provide Angel Oak capacity for this year.
- 4 additional trailer classrooms will be installed before next school year to meet future enrollment.
- In March 2021, the County Board approved the new D9 elementary school in the first wave (to be completed between 2021-2024) of the Phase V Capital Program.
- District staff is analyzing locations for the new D9 elementary school.
- Information meetings at Mt. Zion and Angel Oak to gather public input on the new D9 elementary school are being planned. Expect information on dates and times for the meetings to be published soon.

Board members reiterated their concerns with the capacity at Angel Oak and continued growth in the area. They also would like to follow up with Rev. Mack and the Board of Trustees on the location of the new school in District 9 so they can begin considering options for rezoning.

Ms. Lockhart shared that her church along with John's Island Presbyterian Church are partnering with Hands of Christ to distribute uniforms, underclothes, and school supplies to 60 kids in District 9. Urging schools to complete the paperwork and return it to the organization for consideration.

X. Announcements:

- Ms. Cline shared signed up 9 children for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- Ms. Smith signed up for the garden club.
- Ms. Cline also shared that Frierson is reinstating the Tennis program.

XI. Adjournment:

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Approved 9.7.21

District 9 School Updates

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Angel Oak Elementary School – Renea Bligen

Angel Oak Elementary had a great first day of school!

- Expect to have over 700 students this year at the 7-10 day count.
- Will have to add one more kindergarten class.
- Car line in the afternoon continues to be a challenge as we continue to add more students and cars.
- CD classes start Tuesday and will be in trailers.
- Music programs are expanding with our Melodica grant.
- Will be an arts integration exemplary showcase school this year as part of our federal grant. Once allowable, we will have visitors from our state and others to see how our program is implemented effectively.

Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford and Pat Cline

Attended Frierson's Fact and Fee night.

Concerns were shared with Ms. Cline about chemicals that were sprayed on the school grounds that killed the school's garden. The concerns were shared with Ron Kramps, Associate of Facilities Management. Mr. Kramps and his team came up with a plan for Frierson and an alternative way to spray so it doesn't ruin the garden.

Haut Gap Middle – Leon Green

- Haut Gap enjoyed hosting the CCSD Summer Enrichment Camp for 6-8 graders. Students from Haut Gap and C.E. Williams Middle Schools attended the district-sponsored camp from June 26-July 29 with great success.
- Mrs. Begley has joined the administrative team at Haut Gap as the new 6th grade Principal! She is the former girls PE teacher. She served in that role for the last 6 years. Mrs. Begley knows our community and students very well. We are excited for her to be our newest Assistant Principal.
- The St. John's Angels from St. John's Parish provided teachers with a delicious breakfast August 11th. They also provided each teacher with a generous Staples gift card to purchase needed classroom supplies.
- Back to school fact and fee nights were held August 13th for incoming 6th graders and August 16th for 7/8 graders. In addition to paying school fees, families were able to pick up schedules and receive new reading materials for students. A Vaccine clinic was also available for all students and families.
- Haut Gap was the site of a drive thru back to school supply giveaway sponsored by Rev. Dr. Eric L. Mack, Sr. and Eric Montrel Mack, Jr. DHEC was also on site to provide vaccines.
- The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 147 dropped off many school supplies for our students and staff during the first week of school.

St. John's High – Dr. Karen Simmons

- Benedict College Band will be at our football game Friday Night.
- AP Language, AP Environmental Science, AP Human Geography, and honors classes offered at all levels/content areas
- Restorative Practices Training underway for all teachers to be trained by the end of the year
- Enrollment still strong at just under 400