

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

of Charleston County, South Carolina

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School

8900 U. S. Highway 17 North

McClellanville, South Carolina

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 (5:30 p.m.)

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Ms. Dee Andria Brown
Ms. Diane Geathers
Ms. Juanita Middleton
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton
Rev. E.J. German

Members Absent: Ms. Erma Harrell

Visitors: Mr. Arthur Pinckney
Ms. Hope Gretchen

Others Present: Mrs. Terri Nichols, Associate Superintendent
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle
School Principal
Ms. Rudell Burch, St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle
School Assistant Principal
Ms. Sarah Jamme, Turning Point Academy Assistant
Principal
Ms. Cathy Damico, St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle
School Teacher
Ms. Joanna Branham, St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle
School Teacher
Ms. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist

- I.** Meeting called to order: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.
- II.** Welcome, Moment of Silence/Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Colleton gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.
- III.** Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Head Start/Early Childhood Program as line c. under section X. Executive Session. Ms. Brown made the motion and Ms. Middleton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV.** Public Presentations & Recognitions: None

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- V.** Public Comments: None
- VI.** Approval of Minutes: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to approve the June 25, 2019, minutes. Ms. Geathers made the motion and Ms. Collenton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- VII.** Visitors: Mr. Arthur Pinckney and Ms. Hope Gretchen
- VIII.** Principal's Update – Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan provided the “Welcome to the New School Year” principal update.
- a. Many new students to the school are in attendance this year
 - b. One vacancy - .40 Music Teacher
 - c. Tonight was Open House
 - d. Parent Conference are the first week of October
 - e. New courses for Middle School – Project Lead the Way
- IX.** Public Communications: none
- X.** Convene Executive Session: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to convene Executive Session. For the following purposes:
- a. Expulsion Re-admittance meeting
 - b. Contractual matter Discussion-Awendaw Property
 - c. Head Start/Early Head Start Child Development Program Operations
- Ms. Collenton made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- XI.** Reconvene Open Session: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to reconvene to Open Session. Ms. Geathers made the motion and Ms. Collenton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- XII.** Ms. Mitchell-Collenton made the motion to readmit Kaylin Parrott to St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School under strict probation, required school counseling, and mandatory monthly report during each board meeting for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Middleton seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Middleton also volunteered to mentor Kaylin as part of her readmission plan.
- XIII.** Reconvene Executive Session: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to convene Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Head Start/ Early Head Start Child Development Program Operations and Contractual Matter-Awendaw Property. Ms. Geathers made the motion and Ms. Collenton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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- XIV.** Reconvene Open Session: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to reconvene to Open Session. Ms. Brown made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- XV.** Chairperson's Report: Mr. Colleton shared an email from Mr. Kramps regarding the pavement of the parking lot – the budget only allowed for half of the lot to be paved.
- XVI.** Board Update: None
- XVII.** Superintendent's Report: Ms. Terri Nichols shared a presentation made during the Monday, August 26, 2019, Charleston County School Board of Trustees meeting.
- XVIII.** Old Business: None
- XIX.** New Business: Ms. Collenton asked if reminder notices could be presented at church the week before the Board meetings. The visitor Hope Gretchen left materials regarding the start of a school for dyslexic students. Mr. Colleton will add Ms. Gretchen to next month's agenda. Mr. Colleton reminded the board that there is a standing open request to meet with the Superintendent of Schools.
- XX.** Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brown made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Geathers. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved: September 24, 2019

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