

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2022

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

Board Members Absent: Renea Bligen

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board Chair Monica Smith, followed by a moment of silence.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, with a second by Rev. Gertie Ford, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 6-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Rev. Gertie Ford, to approve the minutes of August 2, 2020, with any necessary corrections. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comment:

Jennifer Young and Jeff Fine – Johns Island residents and candidates for the District 9 Constituent Board.

Monica Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Karen Simmons, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0.

V. Executive Session:

A. Admittance Meeting

VI. Open Session Reconvened:

Monica Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Karen Simmons, to return to Open Session. The motion passed 6-0.

VII. Vote on Executive Session:

A. Admittance Meeting

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Monica Smith, to admit student A-1 into Charleston County School District on district probation for the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year. The student will be required to reappear before the board on January 10, 2023, with a progress update. The motion passed 6-0.

VIII. District Updates:

Committee of the Whole Meeting – Monday, September 12, 2022

IX. Constituent Board Reports:

School updates are attached.

In addition to the updates, Principal Joyner was in attendance and responded to questions and concerns from board members.

X. Old Business:

Ms. Cline alerted the board to the information shared via email regarding the new school and the timeline for Consolidated Board review and decisions.

XI. New Business:

Ms. Cline shared that she has been working with a member of Charleston Rise on reviewing the County and Constituent Board zoning maps to see how the new single-member district representatives could impact District 9. She noted that there would be multiple representatives for each Constituent District.

The board discussed preparations for their Annual Report presentations. Ms. Cline drafted a list of questions and concerns that will be categorized by area (school, district-level) to be routed through each school and identified staff members for updates.

XII. Announcements:

Thursday, September 8, 2022 - Meeting at Johns Island Council – meet the candidates tomorrow at 7 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved 9.20.22

District 9 School Updates

September 7, 2022

Angel Oak Elementary – Pat Cline

Angel Elementary News Update 9/5/2022

School Improvement Council was held at 6 pm via zoom.

- Principal Condon welcomed 9 participants and gave a brief overview of SIC.
- Registration was a challenge for returning families on the PowerSchool Portal.
- All certified teaching positions are filled.
- There are some classified positions to be filled.
- Bus routes are more consistent after the first few days.
- Kaleidoscope before and after school begins 9/6/2022.
- Enrollment is 766 students at ten day count.
- 2022-2023 theme is “Lights, Camera, Action!” with the following focus areas; Arts Integration, Social Emotional Learning, Cultural Competency training, and Rigorous Instruction.
- EL (Expeditionary Learning) Curriculum implementation in grades K-5
- Bridges Math implementation still in effect for K-5
- CD classes are part of CERDEP (Child Early Reading Development and Education Program) through the state of SC
- iReady has replaced MSP testing in grades 1-5
- Monthly Financial Literacy classes in 5th grade with OLM
- Art therapy with MUSC
- Drama Kids International at AOE twice a week after school (some scholarships available)
- Targeted Tutoring program begins Oct.10-Dec.2 with OLM (ESSER III funded)

Hispanic Heritage Month Sept.15-Oct.15

Virtual Open Houses Sept. 27 for K-2 and Sept. 28 for 3-5

Family Data Conferences Oct.21

Book Character Day Oct. 28

ABC grant application to be submitted in October

Mt. Zion Elementary

- Chamber Music Charleston is coming to perform for our Mt Zion students on September 22nd. There are two performances—one at nine and one at 10.
- MZES Parents on the Patio is at Salty Dog on the 13th from 5:30-7.
- SIC is at 5 pm on the 14th in the MZES library.
- Motherhood is at 8:45 on the 20th in the cafeteria.
- Here’s a link to the Wildcat Weekly newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/4hc6m>

All D9 constituent board members (and other community members) are welcome to sign up for the newsletter. A link at the bottom to “follow” and that will sign them up to receive this weekly. It goes out every Friday.

Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford

- **Friday, September 9th: Tag Day** (Students may dress down for \$1!)
- **Friday, September 9th: Grandparent’s Day Luncheon!** Save the date! Designated lunch times for each class will go home next week!
- **Wednesday, September 21st: Progress Reports go home**
- **Thursday, September 22nd: Open House 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

SIC/PTA Updates

- Frierson is already full of Montessori and is looking to extend through 8th grade.
- Plans to hold a movie night for fall and spring.
- Asking for volunteers and donations.
- SIC/PTA on First Thursday.
- Frierson used the funding to bring on a student concern specialist and a calming room.
- Still working on the gymnasium.

Come prepared to explore your child's class, see their student work and tour the new wing!

Haut Gap Middle – Mr. Leon Green

Haut Gap Happening August/September 2022

Haut Gap has hired several new faculty members:

- Ms. Lotts- Guidance
- Ms. Makyla Stanley- Student Concern Specialist
- Ms. Wilt- 6th grade ELA
- Ms. Kelty-7th grade Social Studies
- Ms. Farr- 7/8 Science
- Ms. Lemieux-PE
- Mr. Schrimshere-Environmental Science
- Mr. Schnell-Orchestra

6th-grade Open House - August 12

7/8 grade Open House - August 15

Fall MAP testing September 1-2.

Kona Ice during recess - September 16

Math OGAP training at Haut Gap Middle School - September 29

St. John's High – Dr. Karen Simmons

- Enrollment after the 15th day of school is 388 students
- Title 1 Open House scheduled for October 6th – 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Homecoming plans are underway. Several meetings have been scheduled with alums and community members. Please check the website for updates.
- Teacher Shortages – ELA, Math, and Art
- STJ is implementing a new tardiness policy this week. Details can be found on the school's webpage. Parent support is needed to ensure students are in school on time daily.
- School solicits volunteers to assist with PTO, PTA, and SIC. Info will be sent to parents via callout and posted on the website within the next few weeks.
- There are currently 15 students attending classes at the West Ashley CAS.