

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom) Minutes
October 5, 2021

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

Board Members Absent: Tamy Lockhart

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.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

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

III. Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Leon Green, to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021, meeting. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comments:

No public comments submitted by the established deadline.

Rev. Gertie Ford moved, seconded by Renea Bligen, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0.

V. Executive Session:

A. Discipline Hearing

5.1.21: (652) Cyberbullying

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 Item:

5.1.21 – A motion was made by Monica Smith, seconded by Renea Bligen, to allow student 5.1.21 to return to school on strict board probation for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. will not be allowed to have a cellular device while in school. The student will be required to turn the phone in to the office at the start of the school day and retrieve it at the end of the day. The student will also be required to write a 1,000-word essay to be written on “Cyberbullying.” The motion was deadlocked with a vote of 3-3 (Pat Cline, Rev. Gertie Ford, and Leon Green opposed).

A motion was made by Rev. Gertie Ford, seconded by Pat Cline, to place the student in the District's Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 30 days on strict board probation. If the student cannot successfully complete Turning Point Academy, the student will be placed at Liberty Hill Academy until successful completion of the program. As part of the student's probation, the student will not be allowed to have a cellular device while in school. The student will be required to turn the phone in to the office at the start of the school day and retrieve it at the end of the day. The motion was deadlocked with a vote of 3-3 (Monica Smith, Renea Bligen, and Dr. Karen Simmons opposed).

A motion was made by Renea Bligen, seconded by Leon Green to table the decision in the case of student 8.2.21 until the next meeting (October 19, 2021). The motion passed 5-1 (Pat Cline opposed).

Mr. Briggman welcomed and introduced Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Schools.

VIII. District Updates:

Mr. Bill Briggman, Board Liaison, shared that Ms. Smith will share District 9's Annual Report during the October 11, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting. The presentation is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- October 25, 2021 – Board of Trustees Meeting
- November 8, 2021 – Committee of the Whole Meeting
- November 15, 2021 – Board of Trustees Meeting
- December 13, 2021 – Committee of the Whole & Board of Trustees Meeting

IX. Constituent Board Report:

Ms. Smith reiterated Mr. Briggman's announcement about District 9's Annual Report.

X. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:

A. School Updates – Report attached.

XI. Old Business:

No Old Business discussed.

XII. New Business:

No New Business discussed.

XIII. Announcements:

Ms. Smith provided a brief update on the participation in Consolidated Board Chairman, Rev. Dr. Eric Mack's vaccine clinic.

Ms. Cline share that she attended community meetings in North Charleston (Constituent District 4) where rezoning options were reviewed.

XIV. Adjournment:

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

District 9 School Updates

October 5, 2021

Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford

- Progress Reports went home Wednesday, September 22nd in the Wednesday Folder with other important information. Parents are encouraged to check their Students' folder.
- Friday, September 24th was tag day and Students paid \$1 to dress down.
- Friday, September 24th was also an Early Release Day. Students was dismissed at 1:30 pm.
- October 8th is Tag Day! Students can dress down for \$1. All funds collected pay for Activities for Students, such as paying for the Author's visit.
- Tuesday, October 12th is the next SIC Meeting at 5:30 pm, and PTA begin at 6:30 pm. Zoom information is sent home in the Wednesday folder prior to the meeting.
- Friday, October 15th is Fall Picture Day, Students can Dress Down for free! All of the students will take pictures. Please look out for order forms to go home soon.
- Hands of Christ Students were randomly selected for the uniforms via PowerSchool. Ms. Eulonda Mitchell was the Coordinator.

Approved 10.19.21