

St. Andrew's Constituent District 10 Board of Trustees
Special Called & Regular Board Meeting Minutes
St. Andrew's Campus, Media Center
October 10, 2019

Board Members Present: Rodney Lewis, David Bell, Jennifer Osteen (via phone)

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order:

The board meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by the Board Chair, Rodney Lewis.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda:

Rodney Lewis moved, with a second by David Bell, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 3-0.

IV. District 10 Rezoning Workshop (Discussion):

Bob Olson conducted a rezoning workshop to gather board member's input on the proposed zoning changes. He presented handouts with graphics of the school zone boundaries and answered all their clarifying questions. After a lengthy discussion about bus routes, traffic, concern for more equity school course offerings between the two middle schools, cutting down on inter-district transfers, and how to achieve a racial balance between schools, board members presented three options for consideration. Mr. Olson will research how each option might impact the school populations.

1st Option:

To use 526 to split the West Ashley Middle and C. E. Williams Middle school zones

2nd Option:

To use 526 and Savage Rd. to split the West Ashley Middle and C. E. Williams Middle school zones

3rd Option:

To explore not rezoning and instead assigning all area 6th-grade students to attend West Ashley Middle and assigning all 7th-8th-grade students to attend the new C.E. Williams Middle. The board members discussed the positives of this option. They noted this option could give the community a neighborhood school feeder pattern by all matriculating area elementary students together so they would have common experiences, by not separating from friends due to the magnet application process, and by possibly reducing many concerns 6th-graders experience with difficult transitions, bullying, and the negative influences of older students. Moreover, they said they believed this option would "pull together the community" with a new neighborhood school for all 7th-8th-grade students to experience. They discussed the convenience of the 7th and 8th graders being close to the high school for afterschool sports, more access to visual and performing arts during and after school, and the anticipation that every student would have access to more honors courses and advancement options with the larger 7th and 8th-grade class size.

V. Executive Session:

The board did not move into Executive Session as the two hearings were rescheduled.

VI. Vote on Executive Session Items:

No items to vote on as the board did not move into Executive Session.

VII. Motion to Adjourn:

Board Chair, Rodney Lewis, adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.