

**St. Andrew's Constituent District 10 Board of Trustees**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**St. Andrew's Campus, Media Center**

**October 17, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Rodney Lewis, David Bell, Jennifer Osteen

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order:**

The board meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by the Board Chair, Rodney Lewis.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

J. Osteen moved, with a second by David Bell, to adopt the agenda.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

David Bell moved, with a second by Jennifer Osteen, to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

**IV. Public Comments:**

**V. District Updates:**

Groundbreaking for Stono Park on October 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

**VI. Constituent Board Chair Report:**

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

**VII. Old Business:**

The board's priority is to ensure that all District 10 students receive the same quality education in a safe environment.

A motion was made by David Bell, seconded by Jennifer Osteen, to move forward with the proposals that the board has presented to be discussed with the Executive Director and Principals for further research before the board finalizes and present to the public. Seconded by Jennifer Osteen. The motion passed 3-0.

The 3 options are as follows:

**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. The 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.

David Bell moved, seconded by Jennifer Osteen, to research options for an appropriate attendance zone for Ashley River Creative Arts. The motion passed 3-0.

**VIII. New Business:**

No new business discussed.

**IX. Consent Agenda Items & Board Member Concerns:**

No board member concerns shared.

**X. Motion to Adjourn:**

Board Chair, Rodney Lewis, adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

**Approved 11.07.19**