

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, October 22, 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
Ms. Erma Harrell

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Ms. Christine Messick, Reading Partners South Carolina Program

Others Present: Mrs. Terri Nichols, Associate Superintendent
Ms. Michele English-Watson, Associate Superintendent
Ms. Dena Davis, Director Head Start/Early Head Start
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, St. James-Santee Elementary-
Middle School, Principal
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: Rev. German gave the Invocation and Mr. Colleton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III.** Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Harrell made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV.** Constituent District 1 Updates
 - a. Constituent District 1 Listening Session
 - i. Dr. Postlewait introduced the video presentation. Following the video the floor opened up to public comment. Since this was not a question and answer session, persons who signed in to speak were assured that they would receive answers to their questions.
 - b. Phase V Master Plan Presentation
 - i. Reginal McNeil presented the information and discussed the Phase V Master Plan. Feedback was solicited at the end of the presentation.
 - c. Ms. Christine Messick, Reading Partners South Carolina
 - i. Ms. Christine Messick introduced the Reading Partners South Carolina program to the audience and relayed the benefits of the program being offered at St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School. Ms. Messick

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asked for the help of volunteers for one hour a week each week of the school year.

- d. Mr. Colleton offered the opportunity for the audience to ask questions and voice concerns to the Constituent District 1 Board.
 - a. One parent voiced concerns about the District 2 Board's discipline hearing procedures in relation to District 1 students attending Wando High School.
 - b. Mr. Colleton shared concerns he received from parents in the Germantown Section regarding students having to walk nearly .5 mile on a dirt road to get to the bus stop, even in rainy weather. He went on to share concerns from many parents relating to the excessive time students are experiencing transiting to and from Wando High School.

V. Public Comments: None

VI. Presentations and Recognitions: None

VII. Convene Executive Session: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to convene to Executive Session. For the following purposes:

- a. Monthly student re-admittance review
- b. Contractual matter discussion-Awendaw Property
- c. Head Start/Early Head Start Child Development Program Operations discussion

Ms. Brown made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reconvene Open Session: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to reconvene to Open Session. Ms. Collenton made the motion and Ms. Harrell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to approve the September 24, 2019, minutes. Ms. Harrell made the motion and Ms. Collenton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Chairperson's Report: None

XI. Board Update: None

XII. Superintendent's Report: None

XIII. Old Business: None

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- XIV.** New Business: Ms. Brown inquired how communication to parents are made in regards to hearings. Ms. Terri Nichols explained a known situation and how it may have related to the instance mentioned during the Listening Session. Ms. Geathers expressed concern regarding an incident that happened at the school on Friday and no notice was given to the parents. Ms. Lacarma Brown-McMillan stated the incident happened prior to school being in session and was not officially classified as an incident and notice to parents was not required. Discussion took place regarding the lack of an activity bus.
- XV.** Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Rev. German made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Harrell. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved: November 19, 2019

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