

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order

The board meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

In attendance: Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer (by phone), Monica Smith, Leon Green, JeRai Green, Pat Cline, Jeff Fine (5:40pm)

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Simmons-Palmer seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 6-0.

III. Election of Officers

A. Chair – Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford nominated herself. Mr. Green seconded the nomination. Motion passed 5-1(Cline opposed).

B. Vice Chair – Ms. Cline nominated Ms. Green. Ms. Green declined the nomination. Ms. Smith nominated Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer. Ms. Green seconded the nomination. Motion passed 6-0.

IV. New Business

A. School Liaison Assignments

Dr. Simmons-Palmer, Haut Gap Middle School

Ms. Smith, Frierson Montessori

Ms. Cline, Mt. Zion Elementary

Mr. Fine, Angel Oak Elementary

Ms. Green & Mr. Green, St. John's High School

V. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Cline moved, Ms. Smith seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting and October 24, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

VI. Public Comment/Visitors

Mr. Cedric Solomon and Mr. Ronnie Mack spoke about an upcoming basketball tournament to benefit Heart Health Awareness.

Ms. Cline moved, Mr. Fine seconded a motion to go into Executive Session.

VII. Executive Session

A. Discipline Hearing

9.7.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2

A motion was made by Rev. Smalls-Ford, seconded by Ms. Smith, to return to Open Session.

VIII. Open Session Reconvened

IX. Vote on Executive Session Items:

9.7.24 A motion was made by Ms. Cline, seconded by Mr. Green, in lieu of expulsion place the student at Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 45 days. The student will be on district probation for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

X. Constituent Board Report

Rev. Smalls-Ford shared information on the upcoming St. John's High School Centennial Celebration.

XI. Constituent Board School Liaison Report

XII. Old Business

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Approved 12.12.2023