

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom Conference Line) Minutes  
November 4, 2020**

**Board Members Present:** Monica Smith, Pat Cline, Tamy Lockhart, Karen Simmons, Renea Bligen, Cheryl Glover, Leon Green

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:**

The board meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by the Board Chair, Monica Smith.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Leon Green moved, with a second by Pat Cline, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Monica Smith moved, seconded by Renea Bligen, to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020, meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

**IV. Public Comments:**

There were no comments submitted.

**V. Executive Session:**

Monica Smith moved, seconded by Karen Simmons, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0.

**VI. Open Session Reconvened:**

Monica Smith moved, seconded by Karen Simmons, to return to Open Session. The motion passed 7-0.

**VII. Vote on Executive Session Items:**

Renea Bligen moved, seconded by Monica Smith, to approve the hardship request for student 1 to transfer to St. John's High School. The motion was approved 6-0-1 (Karen Simmons abstained).

**VIII. Constituent Board Chair Report:**

Ms. Smith congratulated Mrs. Pat Cline and Mr. Leon Green on their re-election to the St. John's Constituent District 9 Board.

**IX. District Updates:**

Mr. Briggman reminded the board of the information shared regarding Kelly Services and the need for substitutes in the district. Currently, there are two vacancies at Mt. Zion Elementary and about 21 across the district.

Committee of the Whole is tentatively scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The board briefly discussed the need for African American teachers and recruitment efforts being made to increase the number of teachers in CCSD.

**X. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:**

Report attached.

**XI. Old Business:**

No old business discussed.

**XII. New Business:**

No new business discussed.

**XIII. Public Notification:**

Committee of the Whole – Tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2020  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, November 16, 2020  
District 9 Regular Meeting – November 17, 2020

**XIV. Adjournment:**

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

# District 9 School Updates

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## St. John's High - Dr. Karen Simmons

- 378 students enrolled; 180 in school, 190 virtual, 28 in Early College High School
- Homecoming this week. Friday night is Alumni night
- Community continuing to raise money for the football team.

## Frierson Elementary – Pat Cline

- SIC meeting was held on Tuesday, October 27 at 5:20 pm via ZOOM. 15 people attended.
- Dr. Cummings reviewed the Title I budget amendments. Due to COVID Reading Partners, field trips and Professional Development funds will be used for instructional materials and supplies.
- 3 Outdoor classrooms are completed with the help of many volunteers. The District cut down a diseased tree and will provide mulch. The district will also redo the tennis and volleyball courts.
- The Frierson Garden is in need of new beds and a permanent water source. The district needs to approve a proposal for a well so that funding can be obtained.
- SIC members were asked to review the SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunity and Threats) analysis conducted at the 2/25/2020 meeting and come up with ideas for each category for SIC to create projects around these ideas.
- The SC SIC Activities Resource Library was given as a resource for ideas from other schools in SC.
- SIC members are encouraged to watch online SIC Basic Training Videos on the basics of local SIC organization, operation and duties.
- All SIC information is available on the Frierson school website, including minutes and meeting dates.

## Haut Gap Middle – Cheryl Glover

- Ms. Price continues to serve as president of the PTSA. Elections will be held next month to fill any vacant positions.
- SIC is coming together. Teachers and community members have been added. The committee will hold elections for vacant positions next month
- Current enrollment – 478 students total
  - More students have been added to in person learning.
  - 200 students in person and 280 remote learning
  - Starting the 2nd quarter, the school will have 320 students in person and 160 remote learning students
- Mr. Benintendo hopes to have everyone back for the start of the 2nd semester.
- The parent survey shows that most families want their students to come back now.
- Lastly, Haut Gap does not have any students enrolled in the SC Governor's School of Arts & Humanities program that we know of. However, there may be some who have done this outside of HGMS.

Approved 11.17.20