

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**St. John's High School - Cafeteria**

**1518 Main Road, Johns Island, SC**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Monica Smith, Gertie Smalls-Ford, Renea Bligen, Pat Cline, Cheryl Glover, Leon Green, Karen Simmons

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

The board meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Monica Smith, Board Chair.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Rev. Gertie Ford moved, with a second by Renea Bligen, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes: (Action)**

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, with a second by Renea Bligen, to approve the October 18, 2022, and November 1, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion passed 7-0.

**IV. Visitors/Public Comments:**

There were no public comments submitted or provided in person.

Board members welcomed member-elect, Ms. Jennifer Young, who will be sworn in on Friday, November 18, 2022, along with Mr. Jeff Fine and re-elected members, Ms. Monica Smith and Dr. Karen Simmons.

**V. District Updates:**

A. Updates from the District 9 Constituent Board Liaison

Ms. Watson-Bell shared dates for upcoming meetings:

- Swearing-In Ceremony for Constituent Boards of Trustees and Consolidated Board Members – Friday, November 18, 2022
- Joint Committee of the Whole & Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 12, 2022

**VI. Constituent Board Report:**

Ms. Smith congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Constituent District 9 Board members.

**VII. Constituent Board School Liaison Report**

A. School Updates (see attached).

Ms. Cline shared that Mt. Zion issues a newsletter that includes schoolwide events. Ms. Champaigne will share contact information with Ms. Mims so that they are included when the newsletter is sent out digitally.

Mr. Green provided responses to questions submitted to Haut Gap Middle administration.

**VIII. Old Business:**

The letter of support for the Friends of Frierson will be placed on board letterhead and submitted for distribution to the Consolidated Board.

The board discussed concerns shared by the community regarding the current Mt. Zion Elementary site. Some community members are interested in the site becoming an Early Head Start/Head Start center. The board plans to meet with district leaders to gain more knowledge about Early Learning programs and the impact they would have in District 9.

**IX. New Business:**

No New Business was discussed.

**X. Open Session Reconvened:**

Included in error.

**XI. Vote on Executive Session Item:**

Included in error.

**XII. Announcements:**

Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Symposium – November 30, 2022

\*\*\*November 18, 2022, is the last day to register.

**XIII. Adjournment:**

Monica Smith moved, with a second by Cheryl Glover, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

The motion passed 7-0.

**Approved 12.6.22  
Recorded by T. Champaigne**