

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom) Minutes  
December 7, 2021**

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

**Proceedings:**

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

The board meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Renea Bligen.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Monica Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Karen Simmons, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Pat Cline moved, seconded by Monica Smith, to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021, meeting. The motion passed 5-0-1 (Ms. Bligen abstained as she was not present for the meeting).

Dr. Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Monica Smith, to approve the minutes from the November 29<sup>th</sup> Special Called meeting. The motion passed 6-0.

**IV. Visitors/Public Comments:**

There were no public comments submitted by the established deadline.

Visitor, Mr. Cedric Nelson introduced himself to the board.

**V. District Updates:**

Mr. Briggman shared the following:

- December 13, 2021 – Committee of the Whole & Board of Trustees Meeting
- December 20 – December 31, 2020 – Winter Break

Ms. Champaigne introduced Ms. Stephanie Skinner, who will be providing support to the board.

**VI. Constituent Board Report:**

Ms. Smith did not have anything to report but told the board to have a wonderful holiday and to be safe.

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

A. School Updates – Reports attached.

**VIII. Old Business:**

No Old Business discussed.

**IX. New Business:**

No New Business discussed.

Rev. Gertie Ford moved, seconded by Monica Smith, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0.

**X. Executive Session:**

**A. Hardship Student Transfers (4)**

**XI. Open Session Reconvened:**

Rev. Gertie Ford moved, seconded by Dr. Karen Simmons, to return to Open Session. The motion passed 6-0.

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

Student #1 - A motion was made by Dr. Karen Simmons, seconded by Monica Smith, to approve the hardship request to transfer to Mt. Zion Elementary School. The motion passed 6-0.

Students #2-4 – A motion was made by Monica Smith, seconded by Dr. Karen Simmons, to approve the requests to remain enrolled at St. Johns High School. The motion passed 5-1 (Pat Cline opposed).

**XIII. Announcements:**

Pat Cline shared that the Sea Island Holiday Shop will be open December 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 p.m. at the Parish Hall at St. James United Methodist Church on Bohicket Road. The purpose of the shop is to provide Johns and Wadmalaw Island children an opportunity to experience the joy of shopping for gifts for their loved ones and pets.

**Adjournment:**

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

## District 9 School Updates

December 7, 2021

### Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Ford

#### **Frierson PTA and SIC**

Topic: SIC

Time: 5:30 PM / PTA @ 6:00 PM

Dec 14, 2021 05:30 PM

Jan 11, 2022 05:30 PM

Feb 8, 2022 05:30 PM

Mar 8, 2022 05:30 PM

**MOVIE NIGHT-** An outdoor family movie night on **December 3rd** at the school. Concessions will be sold (pizza, popcorn, candy, hot chocolate and drinks!) Doors/concession stands open at 5:30 and the movie starts at 6:00. We would love for parents to donate items to sell at the concession stand as all of the profits will help us to provide teachers and students with fun end of year activities as well as appreciation and holidays gifts. If you would like to contribute items please either email us at [FriersonPTA@gmail.com](mailto:FriersonPTA@gmail.com) OR fill out this [google sheet](#)! (Insert google sheet here) We hope you and your family can come and enjoy being together for this fun night!

**Teacher holiday gifts-** if you have a business or would like to donate items for our annual teacher/staff gifts, please email us at [FriersonPTA@gmail.com](mailto:FriersonPTA@gmail.com). We want to make sure every single person who works tirelessly to make sure our kids are safe, fed, learning, and having fun feels the love this holiday season. Let us know if you can help out.

Thanks so much for partnering with Edith L. Frierson Montessori School.

The Annual “Walk for Neveah”, student that passed away due to illness, was held November 18th. The walk was successful and the school raised the funds needed to buy the bench and to purchase flowers or greenery to put around it in the garden. There was a large turn out with faculty, staff, students, family, and friends. The walk was presented by the PTA. Eulonda Mitchell McCanick and Ms. Nicole Barnes were consultants.

### Angel Oak Elementary – Renea Bligen

- SIC – November 15, 2021 Meeting Notes attached.

### Haut Gap Middle – Leon Green

- Grade level PBIS activities scheduled for every Friday the month of December.
- HGMS Spelling Bee December 13th at 8:00 am.
- St John’s Parish will spread Holiday Cheer by passing out goody bags to all students during lunch on December 15.
- The PBIS winter dance will be held the afternoon of December 16 for all students.

### St. John’s High – Dr. Karen Simmons

On December 3rd, D9 Principals met at Haut Gap to discuss plans for a combined summer program. More info to follow.

St. John's will be hosting a Future Islander Track Meet sometime in April. This will be a large community event for all of our feeder schools to come together for field events. Our track team will run the program.

Basketball season has started! Check our website for game schedules.

Approved 1.11.22