

**St. Paul's Constituent District 23 Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting via Zoom**  
**Tuesday, December 7, 2021**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Arthur Holmes, Josephine Matthews, Blanche Bowens, Tiffany Deas-Small, Richard Truesdale, Francenia Nelson, Charles Glover

**District Administrators:** Brendan Glaze, DeWitt Lamar

**DAP Representative:** Shavonna Coakley

**Liaison(s) Present:** Robin Jones

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order, Invocation/Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance:**

The board meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by the Vice Chair, followed by the invocation, a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Arthur Holmes moved, with a second by Richard Truesdale to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Arthur Holmes moved, with a second by Blanche Bowens, to approve the minutes from November 2, 2021. The motion passed 7-0.

**IV. Public Comments/Visitors:**

- Arthur Holmes welcomed Brendan Glaze, Principal of Baptist Hill High/Middle School.
- One public comment was submitted centered around the shortage of bus drivers in District 23.

Comments attached.

*Toshiba Champaign reminded board and encouraged parents to reach out to James Lynch, Exec. Director of Transportation, with any concerns with the school bus and transportation concerns. Mr. Lynch's office has an online complaint form and system to follow-up with any complaints that they receive.*

**V. District Updates:**

*The board received district updates/information from liaison, R. Jones:*

- See Old Business

**VI. Constituent Board Report:**

A. Chairman's Report:

- Encouraged the board member to continue follow-up with any upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings
- Constituent board members were recently invited to E.B. Ellington's Veteran's Day program
- Expressed concern over student fights within the district and inquired about a possible alert when they occur.

*Toshiba Champaign reminded the board about the protocols in place and all information that could be shared would be done as quickly as possible. Communication office will continue to work with Principal Glaze and D23 administrators to ensure all information that is shared with the board chair and members are routed through proper channels.*

B. Charles Glover:

- C. Glover recently met with Dr. Postlewait regarding the need for a new weight room at Baptist Hill and the safety concern for visitor seating at the stadium. He was directed to contact Erica Taylor and meet with appropriate district staff.

**VII. Old Business:**

Data concerning student performance is not yet available from the office of Assessment and Evaluations. After district wide school data is first shared with the county board then it will be shared with constituent districts. Robin Jones will keep the board updated.

**VIII. New Business**

N/A

**IX. Executive Session**

Josephine Matthews moved, seconded by Francenia Nelson, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0.

**X. Open Session Reconvened:**

Charles Glover moved, seconded by Josephine Matthews, to return to Open Session. The motion passed 7-0.

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

Josephine Matthews moved, seconded by Charles Glover, to allow student 3.1.21 to return to school. The motion passed 7-0.

**XII. Announcements**

January 11, 2022 - District 23 Regular Meeting  
December 13, 2021 - Committee of the Whole

**XIII. Adjournment:**

Josephine Matthews moved, seconded by Francenia Nelson, to adjourn. The motion passed 7 -0.  
Board chair adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

## **District 23 Public Comments – November 1, 2021**

Shanta Barron-Millan:

1.I would like the District 23 Constituent Board to reference the shortage of bus drivers in our community and to identify ways and methods to increase awareness and to recruit drivers. In addition to concerns of buses being late resulting in loss of instructional time.