

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

of Charleston County, South Carolina

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School

8900 U. S. Highway 17 North

McClellanville, South Carolina

Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Rev. E. J. Milligan, Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Dee Andria Brown
Ms. Diane Geathers
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton
Ms. Chayann Simpson

Members Absent: Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine

Others Present: Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Constituent District 1 Liaison
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School
Ms. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist, Constituent District 1 Assistant

I. Meeting called to order:

Mr. Thomas Colleton, the Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. Welcome, Moment of Silence/Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Thomas Colleton opened the meeting with an invocation and Mr. Colleton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Rev. E. J. Milligan made the motion and Ms. Diane Gathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors:

- a. Ms. Sonya Gardner, Charleston County Parks and Recreation - Ms. Gardner asked about a proposal sent to the D1 Constituent Board and Mr. Porcher about an issue with plumbing and air conditioning at Lincoln High School. The representative said she has been working with Stephanie Christensen from Ms. Angela Bartlett's team.

Mr. Colleton expressed that D1 Constituent Board feels that CCSD is setting Lincoln up to fail because the community is predominantly non-white. They questioned if CCSD is meeting the responsibilities of the MOU between CCSD and Charleston County Parks and Recreation. Mr. Colleton will be writing a letter to express the Board's concerns.

Ms. Gardner also expressed concerns related to the safety and the need for extra space at St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School. Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan addressed

the concerns and will follow up with Ms. Gardner as well as her supervisor.

- b. Ms. Destiny Powell, Parent of a Head Start student - Ms. Powell shared concerns about a situation regarding her confidentiality being broken related to the placement of her child. Ms. Kimberly Foxworth will address the situation with the appropriate staff and follow up with Ms. Powell.

Ms. Powell asked for an update on extended-day childcare services. Ms. Foxworth was happy to respond that a pilot program is anticipated to start in December/January adding that there is no cost for the families.

V. Executive Session

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to convene an executive session to discuss staff. Ms. Dee Andria Brown made the motion and Ms. Diane Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Open Session Reconvened

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to reconvene to an open session. Ms. Brown made the motion and Rev. Milligan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Public Comments: None

VIII. Presentation & Recognition: None

IX. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to approve the August 23, September 20, and September 28 meeting minutes. Rev. Milligan made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Constituent District 1 Liaison Reports

- a. Early Childhood Program Updates - Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Constituent District 1 Liaison

1. Enrollment: 14 in Early Head Start and 23 in Head Start
2. Curriculum: Clothing and brushes
3. Vacancies: Fully staffed but recruiting for a floater position
4. All staff attended training for child safety/mental health; there will be a family gathering on the 28th; parent conferences take place this month and next month; a fall festival is in the planning stages; there are lockdown drills at least twice a year; the SRO is quite active in monitoring the building

- b. St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School - Ms. Dee Andria Brown and Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan

1. Parent/teacher conferences are taking place
2. A Halloween party is scheduled for Monday
3. A group of 6th graders went on a field trip to Coastal Carolina and there are future plans to visit Boeing. A group of 8th graders visited the Center of Advanced Studies on the Wando campus. The 8th graders were VERY excited after the visit. The goal is to have them visit two more times this school year.

4. The school ratings were reviewed which show gains in momentum with student progress. Overall the results are encouraging and exciting.

c. Wando High School - Ms. Chayann Simpson

1. Planning is underway with Mr. Porcher to have a meeting with parents and students to determine what supports should be put in place to create a safe and productive climate for students from the community.
2. Ms. Jubar will be providing a brief to the board in an upcoming meeting regarding Steps to Success.

XI. Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Colleton recognized Ms. Brown and Ms. Collenton for their service and support while serving on the Constituent District 1 Board.

XII. Old Business:

The board requested Ms. Foxworth to provide a status update during the next meeting regarding the recent discipline hearings.

XIII. New Business: none

XIV. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brown made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Collenton. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved 12.13.2022

Recorded by K. Parrish