

**ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

*of Charleston County, South Carolina*

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (via Zoom)**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 (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. Marie Snyder-Facine  
Ms. Chayann Simpson

**Members Absent:** Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton

**Visitors:** None

**Others Present:** Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Constituent District 1 Liaison  
Ms. Buffy Roberts, Executive Director of Assessment and Evaluation, Constituent District 1 Back-up 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, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

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

Rev. E. J. Milligan, Vice-Chairperson 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. Milligan made the motion and Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors:

None

V. Public Comments:

None

VI. Presentation & Recognition:

None

VII. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion for the approval of the March 23rd meeting minutes. Rev. Milligan made the motion and Ms. Diane Geathers seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Colleton opened to Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan and the following are the highlights given.

- Ms. Brown McMillian shared that the loss of Mr. Jones was a shock and she appreciated the opening prayer given tonight.
- The next Lowcountry Food Bank Pop Up is scheduled for May 5. Interested volunteers should contact Ms. Brown-McMillan or her assistant.
- All students will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-22 school year.
- Charleston County Parks and Recreation maintains the recreational facility; there are no noted hours of operation; Mr. Colleton voiced a concern that the school security cameras may pick up activity and cause the police to encounter those using the recreational facilities.

Following Ms. Brown-McMillan's update, Mr. Colleton preceded with the Chairperson's report. Highlights are below:

- The Lincoln facility was sold for \$100,000.
- On May 10, Mr. Colleton and Mr. Lewis Porcher will present the Lincoln Repurposing Project proposal to the Charleston County School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees. He is hopeful the board will vote to approve a motion so that the building is not in jeopardy of being sold again.
- Ms. Angela Barnette, Director of Planning and Real Estate was unable to accept the invitation to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Bill Wallace, Town of Awendaw Administrator would like to have up-to-date information for him to pass along to the next Town Administrator once he retires.
- Mr. Colleton has heard that CCSD will again be approaching the County of Charleston's Board. Although Mr. Jeffrey Borowy, Chief Operating Officer has asked for questions to be submitted in writing, Mr. Colleton would rather have a face-to-face meeting. Blue ribbon commission – boroway and Erica had a meeting. Mcclen awendaw and d1 and d2 and members at large is who mr.c asked to include. He was told he would hear more by the end of the week.
- Rural travel stipend information was reviewed. As a follow-up, Ms. Kimberly Parrish will inform the board if taxes are deducted from the total stipend dollar amount.
- Mr. Colleton spoke with the Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission regarding future programs which are now in the compensation stage. A letter from concerned citizens and neighborhood organization will be sending a letter to the Commission to inform them of the need for recreation facilities in the District 1 area. Mr. Colleton also expressed concern of the length of time it has taken for the new park to be developed while other areas such as the Phillips Community are gaining new parks.
- Mr. Elliott Middleton of Village to Village would have like to have used the recently sold Lincoln building as a training center for automobile repairs.
- Mr. Colleton was very impressed with the professionalism of the staff at the Leeds Avenue Warehouse facility. Ms. McNeal and the staff went above and beyond during his visit where he inventoried the complete collection of Lincoln High School memorabilia.

IX. Constituent District 1 Liaison Report:

A. Early Childhood Program Updates:

Kimberly Foxworth provided staffing updates to the board as well as reviewing the current curriculum.

- The insect study is reaching its conclusion
- The National Week of the Child was celebrated with activities this past week, including Future Fashion Friday and flower planting.
- Enrollment for Head Start is 14 with two on the waitlist
- An experienced temporary Teacher Assistant has been hired to fill a vacant need.

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates:

- 4,000 staff have been vaccinated by the district and starting this week vaccines will be offered to students over 16 years of age.
- The wearing of masks (with mask breaks) is still a requirement while on CCSD property.
- New legislation requires school must conduct Five days of instruction, previously retired teachers may be hired and a stipend must be paid to teachers who are providing dual instruction (face-to-face and virtual).
- For National Nurses Day, CCSD made a video honoring the nursing staff.
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X. Old Business:

None

XI. New Business:

None

XII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Rev. Milligan made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Chayann Simpson. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

*Approved: May 25, 2021*