

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

of Charleston County, South Carolina

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (via Zoom)

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (5:30 p.m.)

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Ms. Dee Andria Brown
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton
Ms. Diane Geathers
Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine
Ms. Chayann Simpson

Members Absent: Rev. E. J. Milligan, Vice-Chairperson

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:

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

III. Adoption of Agenda:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Dee Andria Brown made the motion and Ms. Diane Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors:

None

V. Public Comments:

None

VI. Presentation & Recognition:

Per the request of Mr. Colleton, Ms. Brown and Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine provided a recap of the District 1 Annual Report most recently presented to the Charleston County School Board of Trustees.

VII. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion for the approval of the June 22 meeting minutes. Ms. Geathers made the motion and Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Colleton has requested a Wando student diversity enrollment report from Ms. Jubar and this will be discussed at the next Constituent Board meeting.

As to an update on the Awendaw property, Mr. Colleton stated that the school can be built on the property as zoned but there is a tight timeframe that is necessitating the request to re-zone which would allow for the estimated 5-year building timeframe. He added that the third reading will take place in September.

The floor was then opened to Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan to provide a principal report which contained the following:

1. Funds received from the sale of Lincoln Middle-High School property are readily available and the spending plan was submitted to the County Board.
2. Teacher vacancies - 1 physical education teacher, 1 special education teacher, and 1 teacher assistant
3. Currently, there are 3 reported COVID-19 cases; 5 students are in quarantine.
4. School visitors can be accommodated
5. School supplies and masks have been donated to the school and the supply level on hand is adequate at this time

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.

1. Early Childhood's new school year started yesterday
2. 9 are enrolled in Head Start, 11 are enrolled in Early Head Start
3. 1 Childcare Assistant vacancy
4. Creative Curriculum is underway
5. Training for all Head Start teachers will take place on Thursday
6. Ms. Simmons is in attendance 2-3 days per week; Ms. Foxworth visits regularly
7. All staff is required to have some coursework and experience
8. Tremendous progress is being made in working towards certification (no charge to the teachers)
9. There is no charge to the families for enrollment in Early Head Start or Head Start
10. The option of extending program hours is being explored

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates:

1. A mask mandate has been implemented and everyone is expected to wear a mask
2. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund
3. ESSER III - Provides additional federal government funding; 20% of the funds will be allocated to learning loss; continuous stakeholder input

II. Old Business:

None

III. New Business:

Mr. Colleton will reach out to Constituent District 2 regarding how to start attendance rezoning discussions.

IV. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Geathers. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved: September 28, 2021