

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

of Charleston County, South Carolina

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (via Zoom)

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 (5:30 p.m.)

MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Ms. Joyce Green, Board of Trustee
Mr. Lewis Porcher, Lead Community Representative for the Lincoln Repurposing Project

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. Ruddell Burch, Assistant Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School
Ms. Toshiba Champaigne, District Constituent Board Liaison
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 prayer and Mr. Colleton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with minor change to possibly include an executive session. Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton made the motion and Ms. Chayann Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors:

Mr. Lewis Porcher, Lead Community Representative for the Lincoln Repurposing Project. Mr. Porcher presented his YouTube Channel video *The GullaAmericans, A story of the Historically Black Public Schools*. Immediately after, Mr. Porcher reviewed a presentation outlining the Lincoln Regional Center Project.

Ms. Joyce Green, Board of Trustee, expressed appreciation of hearing the presented information. Mr. Porcher clarified his request of the Board of Trustees is for the District to not sell the property in order to allow him time to have the property become designated as an historic landmark and to finalize the budget to cover the overhead costs. Mr. Porcher also requested assistance with being able to present to the Board of Trustees to ask for their partnership in the overall goal of the Foundation to purchase the building. Ms. Green committed to asking the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees to place Mr. Porcher's request to present as a future meeting agenda item. She will be in contact with Mr. Colleton to update him on her progress.

V. Public Comments:

None

VI. Presentation & Recognitions:

None

VII. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion for the approval of the January 26th meeting minutes. Rev. E. J. Milligan made the motion and Ms. Simpson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Colleton proceeded with the Chairperson's report stating that when he researched zoning permits, he determined there were no request for the building or the 2.87 acres. He also let the board know he was waiting on a confirmation of the date for him to tour the storage facility to make certain the Lincoln High School items are secure.

Mr. Colleton requested Ms. Jubar to send last month's presentation to the board adding he would like to know more information regarding the 61 students. He asked the board to email him within a week any other questions they might have. He will then send the questions to Ms. Jubar so she can respond.

Mr. Colleton asked Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle to share an update with the board. Ms. Brown-McMillan delivered the exciting news that St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School was awarded \$90,000 from a portion of the sale of the Lincoln High School annex building. She will share a report of the usage of the funds during the March board meeting. St. James-Santee has selected Ms. Latoya Bennett as the Teacher of the Year. Ms. Bennett has been instrumental in obtaining several grants for the school. Ms. Brown-McMillian confirmed that the COVID-19 Dashboard is updated and they are continuing to keep safety at the forefront. In other exciting news, she informed the board that the Middleton Foundation purchased disposable mask for the students in January and provided funds for \$50 checks to be issued to each teacher and teacher assistant to be used for supplies.

Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood let the board know that the District has a distribution plan in place for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mr. Colleton stated Ms. Toshiba Champaigne is working with Ms. Taylor to determine the next steps for establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission, adding that action is needed this year.

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. She informed the board that they are in the final year of a 5 year grant and are working on the next 5 year grant (2021-2026). She reviewed stakeholder feedback, state of union, research, and key features of the grant – embedded professional learning, career & educational growth. Rev. Milligan stated she was pleased to hear about the career & educational growth portion of the plan.

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates:

None

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, Vice-Chairperson made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Dee Andria Brown. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved: March 23, 2021