

**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, January 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson  
Ms. Diane Geathers, Vice-Chairperson  
Mr. Jamond Blake  
Ms. Addie Campbell  
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton  
Ms. Chayann Simpson  
Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine

**Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools  
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 call to order

Mr. Thomas Colleton, the Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

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. Ms. Shirley Collenton made the motion and Ms. Diane Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors

None

V. Public Comments

None

## VI. Presentation & Recognitions

- A. District 1 Students' Continued Excellence at Wando High School Presentations - Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools

Presentation highlights: the End of Course scores showed an increase in all core subjects except for biology; Advanced Placement - 83.3% of 70 showed passing scores; there is a significant increase in ACT test scores; SAT shows an increase in math achievement.

Mr. Colleton asked for a count of D1 students who are taking courses at the East Cooper Center For Advance Studies (CAS). Dr. Eppelsheimer will obtain the count.

## VII. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to approve the November 29th and December 13th meeting minutes. Ms. Geathers made the motion and Ms. Chayann Simpson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## VIII. Constituent District 1 Liaison Reports

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

1. The after-school program started yesterday with one full class of both Head Start and Early Head Start.
2. Enrollment: 21 in Early Head Start and 16 in Head Start
3. School Choice Enrollment is open
4. Curriculum: Shoes and buildings

- B. Charleston County School District News/Updates

Ms. Foxworth gave a brief recap of the Monday night County board meeting: the Head Start budget was approved; an Ad Hoc Superintendent Search Committee was established; The Board voted to postpone a vote on the first reading of revisions to Policy BC, which adds the option for the Chairman to invite a community faith leader to open board meetings with a nonsectarian prayer in accordance with SC Law.

- C. St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School Updates

Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine and Ms. Addie Campbell presented the following highlights: the holiday gift-giving was very successful; St. James-Santee is the recipient of a stem grant from Bosch Community Fund; winter assessment showed growth with a few areas that need some concentration (tutoring); transportation and food will be provided with after school tutoring until May 18; 6<sup>th</sup> grader won 5<sup>th</sup> place in the countywide spelling bee; Sneaker Party will take place in February; only one COVID-19 case has been noted since winter break; report cards will be issued this week; May Day is in the process of being planned; a music and CTE teacher are going through the hiring process in order to fill the two vacancies currently at the school.

Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School briefed the board on the following: A field trip to the CAS is planned; new outside cameras are active; the district is reviewing new safety and security plans that entail enhanced security measures; two county board members visited the school on January 6.

D. Wando High School Updates

Ms. Chayann Simpson and Mr. Jamond Blake gave the following updates concerning Wando High School - student-led cosmetology services are offered by appointment to the public; several events are scheduled to be held from now through February; the concern was voiced over a student being expelled during his senior year.

IX. Chairperson's Report

Mr. Colleton will visit the Lincoln school site to review current and upcoming repairs and renovations; He has filled out a request for attendance for Ms. Barnett to attend the February meeting and he is contemplating asking the District 2 County Board Members to attend in March.

Several members, including Mr. Colleton expressed extreme disappointment that the board is not made aware of various events and issues such as the meeting taking place at St. James-Santee between Wando parents and the Department of Student Support and the visit by county board members on January 6.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

None

XII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Geathers made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Collenton. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

*Approved February 28, 2023*