

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

*of Charleston County, South Carolina*

## **Community Meeting**

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Meeting Attendees:**

Constituent Board District 1: 7 (All members present)  
Charleston County School District (CCSD) Board Members: 1.  
CCSD Staff Members: 3.  
Community Members: 68  
Media: 1

#### **I. Call to Order:**

Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

The meeting began with a prayer by Rev. Francis McPherson, Pastor of Bethel AME Church, McClellanville, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. Adoption of Agenda:**

Mr. Colleton acknowledged all visitors holding positions, ministers and community members. He entertained a motion for the adoption of the agenda and the motion was carried. He proceeded with introducing Ms. Angela Barnette and Mr. Jeff Borowy to begin their presentation.

#### **IV. District 1 Land Update:**

Ms. Angela Barnette presented the updated informative presentation to the community members.

#### **V. Public Comments and Q&A:**

After the presentation, the floor was opened for public comments from community members that signed up to speak. They all spoke with passion for their students and expressed the need for a new school.

Mayor Miriam Green, Town of Awendaw, in her comments, informed the community that the school can be built with the current agricultural zoning and that they should not rely on the information presented without having all of the presented facts. She stated with reverence “Pay attention to what is being done and what is not said shared in full confidence to the community that the Planning Development process is really done.”

Mr. Jeff Borowy stepped in to answer a question for Mrs. Barnette. Unfortunately, the response was not pleasing to the crowds. It was followed by a rebuttal question by Ms. Shelia Powell, Awendaw Town Council Member, in regard to when Lucy Beckham was up for discussion, was District 1 community considered for the opportunity to voice their opinions. The response was “No, they were not.” She stated, “THAT is the problem District 1 Constituents have. Not being considered for conversations and plans that will impact them in some fashion. When considering the new school for the area, it is not just the community school, but a new school for ALL of those who present interests of having ALL children attend.”

Ms. Joyce Green, CCSD Board Member, was tasked to address the constituents of being the Voice

of the Board. To the very best of her abilities, Ms. Green answered the tough questions given by D1 constituents.

**VI. Presentations:**

There were two additional presentations given:

Mr. Jamond Blake, founder/CEO of What About Us Foundation, presented the newly formed organization and announced the first Back to School Drive event for all the students in the District 1 community.

Mr. Louis Porcher presented the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) Project to the District 1 constituents. He gave sample programs that will come from the non-profit organization. He will provide a more thorough presentation at a community meeting on the premises of Lincoln in the next month or so.

**VII. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.

**Recorded by Ms. DeeAndria Brown, District 1 Board Member  
July 20, 2021**

*Approved: September 28, 2021*