

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

*of Charleston County, South Carolina*

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

Tuesday, September 28, 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:** Mr. Lewis Porcher, Lead Community Representative of 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. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist, Constituent District 1 Assistant

I. Meeting called to order:

Rev. E. J. Milligan, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order in the absence of Mr. Colleton who was experiencing difficulties Zooming in to the meeting.

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

Rev. Milligan opened the meeting with an invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda:

Rev. Milligan 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:

Mr. Lewis Porcher, Lead Community Representative of the Lincoln Repurposing Project presented an update. Highlights: The group will be assuming ownership of the property in November for the amount of \$1, the site will allow space for the Sewee Stantee Development Corporation office, there is a need for volunteers to ready the facility, and a letter outlining the immediate needs has been submitted for approval to the Charleston County School Board of Trustees.

V. Public Comments:

None

VI. Presentation & Recognition:

None

VII. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion for the approval of the July 13, July 20, and August 24 meeting minutes. Rev. Milligan made the motion and Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Chairperson's Report:

Following are highlights from Mr. Colleton's Chairperson Report.

- Although in the absence of a permanent SRO, Deputies assigned to the area will patrol the school, there is a concern with their ability to be available during an immediate need.
- Once questions are finalized for Revered Mack, a meeting will be set up according to his availability.
- A meeting with the District 2 Chairperson to discuss the role the D2 Board will play in populating the new school is being scheduled.
- Plans are being worked on to establish the Blue Ribbon Commission.
- The community is voicing concern regarding a contract employee wanting to go public with information.

Highlights from Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School, principal's report were:

- The students and staff are doing a magnificent job of compiling with the mask mandate
- The Fall MAP tests were completed and data conferences are being scheduled.
- Community donors will be hosting a food drive on October 14.
- There is a PE vacancy and the TA Child Development vacancy is being filled by an amazing substitute.

IX. School Liaison Reports

- A. Wando High School- Rev Milligan has been delayed in visiting Wando; Ms. Chayann Simpson is trying to connect with Ms. Jubar in order to schedule a visit.
- B. St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School -Ms. Brown made a visit on Friday. She discussed school transfers, band, student announcements, math classes, high school credit, DAP observations, and the success of former students. She plans to visit again soon to observe classes.

X. Constituent District 1 Liaison Report

- A. Early Childhood Program Updates
  1. Enrollment - 9 head start and 11 early head start.
  2. The next curriculum study is trees and paper.
  3. Assessments are taking place; students are visiting the school library; The Be Well

Care program has encouraged tracking steps and the use of an on-site bicycle.

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates

1. The local Covid-19 status is rating in the medium range; positive cases in the district have gone down since August; 4 full-time contact tracers have been added to the staff; achievement data identifies unfinished learning with Elementary and Secondary School emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) allotment going to the support of the students with greater needs;

Mr. Colleton expressed concern with the lack of progress in closing the achievement gap. Ms. Buffy Roberts, Executive Director of Assessment and Evaluation, Constituent District 1 Back-up Liaison, stated there is constantly continuous improvement in this regard.

C. District 1 Proposed New School Update

1. The Charleston County Council voted unanimously to approve the third reading of the Planned Development Zoning Application request.

XI. New Business:

None

XII. Old business

None

XIII. 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. Diane Geathers. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

*Approved: Oct 26, 2021*