

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

of Charleston County, South Carolina

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (via Zoom)

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

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. Rudell Burch, Assistant Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School
Ms. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist, Constituent District 1 Assistant

I. Meeting called to order:

Mr. Thomas Colleton, the 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 striking items 4, 5, and 6.. Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton made the motion and Ms. Dee Andria Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors:

None

V. Public Comments:

None

VI. Presentation & Recognition:

None

VII. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion for the approval of the December 14th and January 18th meeting minutes. Ms. Diane 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 opened the floor to the school liaisons. Highlights from school visits were:

- Ms. Brown and Ms. Snyder-Facine visited St. James Santee Elementary/Middle School observing well-behaved and engaged students.
- The science and music class were very impressive.
- The outside play zone had received an upgrade, the cafeteria was clean.

- Ms. Simpson attended a virtual meeting with Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, Wando High School.
- The scholars each have an assigned mentor.
- Some students have attendance issues; Ms. Simpson and Rev. E. J. Milligan will research to determine the best course of action.
- Tutoring is available but more than one participant is required in order for transportation to be provided.

Mr. Colleton questioned whether former Title 1 school students now at non-title schools are receiving the same resource assistance accommodations as they did while attending a Title I school. Ms. Kimberly Foxworth provided assurances that the District would not let a student go with unmet needs. The funding is not tied to a child. It is based on the percentage of the high poverty population within a school. Ms. Foxworth will research and she suggested posing this scenario to Ms. Pamela Jubar at the next meeting or have Ms. Simpson and Rev. Milligan ask Ms. Jubar during their next visit.

Rev. Milligan and Ms. Geathers expressed displeasure with the Reimagine Schools proposal.

IX. Constituent District 1 Liaison Report

A. Early Childhood Program Updates

1. Enrollment: 8 Head Start and 16 Early Head Start students.
2. Vacancy: Early Head Start lead childcare position.
3. Curriculum: Head Start is exercise and Early HS followed up the clothing curriculum with a study on shoes.
4. The Head Start budget was approved by the at the board meeting on January 24th.
5. This fall St. James Santee will be a Cert Up school which entails additional funding.

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates

1. Donald R. Kennedy, Sr., (former Chief Finance and Administrator Officer) was named interim Superintendent of Schools.

2. COVID-19 case across the district peaked the week of the 19th.
3. ESSER III proposal - 3 main pillars: rigorous grade-level instruction, high-quality leaders, and all students to be on grade-level reading by grade 5.

C. District 1 Proposed New School Update

1. The Live and Attend 21-22 report will be available in February.
2. The closing date for the Awendaw property had been set for December 16, 2022. Ms. Foxworth will research if the closing took place as scheduled or if there is a revised closing date. Mr. Colleton requested an update prior to the next constituent board meeting.

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 made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved: February 22, 2022