

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

St. John's High School - Cafeteria

1518 Main Road, Johns Island, SC

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Board Chair – Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, Board Vice Chair - Jennifer Young, Monica Smith, Pat Cline, Jeff Fine, Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer, Leon Green

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Leon Green moved, with a second by Monica Smith, to amend the agenda to move item four to five and remove item seven. The motion passed 7-0.

III. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Monica Smith moved, with a second by Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer, to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed 7-0.

A. February 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting

IV. Constituent Board Report:

A. Updates from Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, District 9 Constituent Board Chair – St. Johns girls basketball team had first winning season in ten years. St. Johns position posted for ISS proctor.

V. Constituent Board School Liaison Report

A. School Updates –

St. Johns – Parent and community meeting 2/23 from 5 to 6pm, dinner will be served. From 6 to 7pm is the second semester meet and greet.

Angel Oak – Positions posted for next year. Looking for guest readers for Read Across America Week. Strings and Ukulele Club performed at Principals' Meeting 2/9 and did an excellent job. One VIP even stated it was the best elementary strings group they had ever seen. Arts integration demonstration day was a success with about 30 visitors (teachers, admin, supervisors, etc.) throughout SC and Georgia.

Haut Gap – This week was Random Acts of Kindness Week. PTO meeting is 2.23.23 in the cafeteria. Held their Black History Month Celebration.

Mt. Zion – Great field trips planned to Gilliard and Ft. Sumter. Parents coming for 1st grade writing. Annual vocabulary parade at 9am.

Frierson – Had Donuts with Deputies on 2.15.23. Had Grammy Award-Winning Artist, Charlton Singleton perform on 2.16.23. PTA had a great movie night. African American Read-a-thon. Black History Portrayal Program is 2.28.23. PTA & SIC meeting March 2.

VI. Visitors/Public Comments:

St. John's High School "Lady Islanders" Basketball team. Rev. Smalls-Ford read a letter from county board member Darlene Roberson to the Lady Islanders and a letter from D9 Board to Lady Islanders for first winning season in 10 years.

VII. Executive Session:

Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer moved, seconded by Monica Smith, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0.

A. Discuss information.

VIII. Open Session Reconvened:

Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer moved, seconded by Leon Green, to return to Open Session. The motion passed 7-0.

IX. Vote on Executive Session Item:

X. District Updates:

A. Updates from the District 9 Superintendent's Designee – BOT next meeting is 2.27.23 and COW is 3.13.23.

XI. Old Business:

Reminder about reporting information to ethics board.

XII. New Business:

A. In need of sidewalk that bridges Angel Oak to St. Johns. As a board write a letter to capital and Jeff Borowy and cc Johns Island Council.

B. Request for information on breaking ground for new school.

XIII. Announcements

A. Pat Cline – Board Member – COW and BOT currently meeting to discuss EL curriculum.

XIV. Adjournment:

Rev. Gertie Ford-Small's adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Approved 3.7.23