

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**St. John's High School – Room A-118**

**1518 Main Road, Johns Island, SC**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Board Chair – Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, Pat Cline, Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer, Leon Green, Jeff Fine

**Board Member Absent:** Monica Smith

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order, Moment of Silence, & Pledge of Allegiance:**

The board meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Karen Simmons-Palmer moved, with a second by Leon Green, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

- A. September 19, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- B. September 26, 2023 – Special Called Meeting
- C. October 10, 2023 – Special Called Meeting
- D. October 12, 2023 – Special Called Meeting

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Karen Simmons-Palmer, to approve all the meeting minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

**IV. Visitors/Public Comments:**

- A. St. John's Volleyball Team was recognized.

**V. Executive Session:**

Leon Green moved, with a second by Pat Cline, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 5-0.

- A. Discipline Update
- B. Discipline Hearings
  - 9.3.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2
  - 9.4.24 Infraction 570: Drug Distribution
  - 9.5.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2
- C. Request to Remain

**VI. Open Session Reconvened**

Jeff Fine moved, with a second by Pat Cline, to move into Open Session. The motion passed 5-0.

**VII. Vote on Executive Session Items (Action)**

- B. Discipline Hearings (3)
  - 9.3.24 – Gertie Smalls-Ford moved, with a second by Pat Cline, to return student to school. The motion passed 5-0.

9.4.24 – Jeff Fine moved, with a second by Leon Green, to return student to school on probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 4-1. Gertie Smalls-Ford opposed.

9.5.24 – Gertie Smalls-Ford moved, with a second by Jeff Fine, to return student to school on probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 5-0.

**VIII. Constituent Board Report:**

A. Updates from Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, District 9 Constituent Board Chair – CCSD  
Board of Trustees will recognize St. John’s Centennial at their 10/23 meeting. Frierson is having their SIC meeting on 10/24 via zoom. St. John’s Homecoming is 10/30. D9 Board will discuss D9 schools report cards and constituent board annual report.

**IX. Constituent Board School Liaison Report**

Mt. Zion - October 14<sup>th</sup> is Hispanic Heritage Fiesta on the Lawn @ Angel Oak. October 18<sup>th</sup> is Unity Day (wear orange). Pink out for Breast Cancer is October 20. Red Ribbon Week is Oct 23-27. Mt. Zion report card rating is Good.

Angel Oak – Was recognized by Channel 2 News as “Cool School of the Week”. Report Card rating is now Good. Future Islander Day was a success. Different grade levels attending field trips. Harvard Project Zero Artful Thinking Challenge is in November.

**X. District Updates:**

Board of Trustees Meeting is October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Committee of the Whole is November 6.

**XI. Old Business:**

**XII. New Business:**

Leon Green moved, with a second by Karen Simmons-Palmer, to deny accepting Eli as parliamentarian as he is not a certified parliamentarian. The motion passed 4-0-1, Pat Cline abstained.

New D9 board candidate goes to Board of Trustees October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**XIII. Announcements:**

Haut Gap PTA and SIC meeting October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Special Called Meeting 10.24.23 to go over annual report.

**XIV. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**Approved 11.14.2023**