

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**St. James-Santee Elementary School
McClellanville, SC 29458**

Tuesday, October 28, 2015 (6:30 p.m.)

Members Present: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Mrs. Erma Harrell, Vice Chair
Mr. Joseph Bowers, III
Ms. Diane Geathers
Ms. Shonna Weather
Rev. Derrick Wilson

Members Absent: Ms. Anita Alston-Gore

Others Present: Dr. Lynda Davis, Interim Associate Superintendent
Ms. Pamela Jubar, Lincoln Middle-High School Interim Principal
Ms. Trudie Cantrell, Administrative Assistant

Others Absent: Dr. Joe Sampson, St. James-Santee Elementary School Principal

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1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Mr. Thomas L. Colleton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Notice of Meeting:** In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, the Charleston County Public Relations Office was notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting, and the agenda was posted on the Charleston County School District web page, and St. James-Santee front office.
3. **Visitors:** Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, County Superintendent of Education
Mr. Michael Bobby, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Jeff Borowy, Deputy, Capital Programs
Ms. Erica Taylor, Executive Director, Strategies and Communications
Ms. Clara Heinsohn, CCSD Legislative Liaison & Virtual Charter School Board Member
Dr. Cherry Daniels, SC Virtual Charter School
Ms. Sonya Blake
Ms. Shenecca Garrett

Dr. Postlewait shared information regarding the 5:00 meeting that she, Dr. Cherry Daniels and Dr. Sean J. Glassberg, Director of Faculty Development & Associate Provost, Dual Credit, Horry-Georgetown Tech. (Mr. Glassberg had to leave prior to Constituent District One Board meeting began.)

Dr. Daniels shared:

- SC Virtual Charter School serves 3,800 students online, grades K-12,
- Teacher's minimum experience is five years,
- Guidance staff makes sure that kids stay on target,
- Huge, robust curriculum and could partner with Lincoln Middle/High School

- Interaction – Classes online, use tools, ask questions, chat
- Lessons can be played more than once and can meet with teacher
- Upper level courses – may have up to 40 students online
- Hardware required – high speed internet, laptop
- Online testing – ACT, Use Chromebooks
- Offers credit recovery courses – Virtual school staff will walk students hand in hand
- Offered at school as part of student's schedule
- Would be a pilot program in CCSD
- Ms. Jubar to report to Constituent Board

4. **Old Business:**

Mr. Jeff Borowy went over the facts of the recently passed referendum and presented a powerpoint presentation of four Lincoln Middle-High School Options:

- 1) Option 1: Replace Lincoln MS/HS in Awendaw - District lines would change and most expensive option.
- 2) Option 2: Renovate McClellanville Middle School – Less work to renovate, longest distance from Wando CAS.

It was expressed by many that this option may not be the best because it is located in a flood zone.

- 3) Option 3: Expand St. James Santee Campus – Construct 30,000 sq ft addition adjacent to St. James-Santee ES and demolish Lincoln HS. Continue to utilize existing gymnasium and football stadium at Lincoln MS/HS.

Ms. Shenecca Garrett stated she thought this was the best option for our community. Mr. Bowers asked if this would be all that District 1 would get if they chose this option. County staff present all concurred that if this option was chosen it would be all District 1 would receive off this referendum.

- 4) Option 4: Lincoln HS at Wando HS – High School students attend classes at Wando HS (degree from and sports programs remain at Lincoln MS/HS). Middle School students attend St. James-Santee Elementary School.

Mr. Bowers stated he thought this was the best option as long as new land was purchased in Awendaw for a new school to be built.

Ms. Alston Gore was absent; however, Mr. Colleton read an email from Ms. Alston-Gore asking that everyone look at the community task force structure.

Mr. Colleton shared that it's a community decision on how our children will be educated. Ms. Harrell left the meeting at this time to attend another engagement.

5. **New Business:**

- A. Inter-district Transfers –Mr. Bowers shared that in the Charleston County School District, per state law and federal court ruling, students must be released from their home constituent district before a receiving constituent district reviews the voluntary transfer request. Also, that it's a criminal offense to accept students without them being released from their home district per state law.

Dr. Postlewait commented that CCSD is not going to disrupt student's education for those who were transferred this year and the law is the law. The policy will be reviewed and CCSD will not ask the Board to do anything illegal. She stated they will now make sure the law is enforced. Mr. Bowers stated he was just trying to be clear as school trustees in this state take oaths to preserve, protect and defend the law.

- B. ID Badge Access – Mr. Bowers shared that all Board members have access to St. James-Santee, but not Lincoln. Dr. Postlewait shared that her badge does not work in the schools, that she checks in the front office same as other visitors. She also shared that someone should accompany visitors through the school and also if there is a public meeting. Mr. Bowers said he thought it was a waste of resources and time, and that there are laws to ensure all Board members act accordingly.

6. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson, called for the approval of the minutes for the September 22, 2015 meeting. Mr. Bowers moved and Ms. Weathers seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the meeting, with corrections. The motion was then tabled because it was determined a lack of a quorum who attended that meeting by Mr. Colleton.

7. **Executive Session:** Mr. Colleton moved and Mr. Bowers seconded the motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing hardship transfer request. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

8. **Open Session:** Mr. Bowers moved and Rev. Wilson seconded the motion to return to open session for the purpose of voting on hardship transfer request. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Bowers made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded the motion to approve the request from LaKesha Morrison for her child to return to Lincoln Middle/High School contingent upon release from the Moultrie Constituent School District No. 2 Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

9. **Administrative Report:**

Ms. Pamela Jubar, Lincoln Middle/High School Interim Principal, reported on the following: a) Thanked the Board for their support. b) After school is available from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and supervised by Ms. Jubar and Mr. Sellers c) Making calls to parents that have student's with failing courses. d) Encourage parents to contact Ms. Jubar with any concerns.

10. **Board Report:**

Mr. Colleton reported on the following bus situation at Lincoln Middle/High School:

a) Mr. Colleton sent an email to Mr. Norman stating that two buses were out on Monday. Mr. Norman did not return Mr. Colleton's telephone call. b) Mr. Colleton spoke to Ms. Mitchum due to students getting to school and home late. c) Mr. Colleton ask Mr. Norman if Ms. Mitchum could ride the bus and what is being done as a contingency plan.

11. **Public Communications:** **None**

12. **Associate Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Davis shared that she sat in Ms. Jubar's quarterly review and is proud of Ms. Jubar. She knows her school and students.

13. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Bowers moved and Mrs. Geathers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved

Thomas Colleton, Chairperson