

St. Paul's Constituent District 23  
School Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, September 1, 2015

#### Minutes

Present: Charles Glover, Josephine Matthews, Richmond Truesdale, Blanche Bowens, Marvin Bowens, Francenia Nelson.

Absent: Leroy Seabrook

Liaison: Mary Runyon

Absent: Dr. Lisa Herring

Guests: Parents, Grandparent, and CC Heyward from MUSC Dental Services

The agenda was adopted with correction. Mr. Bowens commented the agenda should have comments along with the announcements.

The minutes of August 17, 2015 were approved with corrections. Explanation of why the Board went into **Executive Session**. The Board went into **Executive Session** to discuss a student transfer.

Ms Heyward gave comments regarding the opening of a community-base clinic for elementary school age children in the Hollywood area specifically at Schroeder. The doors to the clinic will open January 1, 2016. Services will begin with seeing kids first, and work its way to seeing adults. The Clinic is trying to fill the needs of the community because there is no dentist in the area. The clinic will accept Medicaid as well as patients with health insurance or patients uninsured. The clinic will open starting twice weekly from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. More information to follow.

Durham Bus – Mr. Glover stated the bus routes have changed. The Durham Bus issue has been addressed with the superintendent. Buses should operate in the same manner as it did on last year. Mr. Glover stated athletic students has to go to another school to practice baseball and there sports because of the condition of Baptist Hill Middle High baseball field. He stated the superintendent will look into this problem.

There was a discussion of the change in Baptist Hill Middle High school color.

Mrs. Brown, Interim Principal of Baptist Hill Middle High school asked that the Board give her a chance to solve problems at the school level before reporting to downtown. Mr. Glover stated the superintendent indicated she will begin to work on literacy for students.

Chain of Command: Mrs. Brown will report to the liaison and the liaison will report to the superintendent. It was stated that the Constituent Boards should have their own attorney. Superintendent will look into this matter.

Ms. Matthews stated she spoke to Robert Brown, House of Representative for the Hollywood area and encouraged him to look into incentives for rural teachers.

Mr. Bowens talked about a parent contacting him about a student being bullied. Mr. Bowens called the Assistant Principal at Baptist Hill and followed up with calling Dr. Davis' office when he did not hear back from the Assistant Principal.

Mr. Bowens talked about students receiving bag lunches which consist of a sandwich while in ISS (In-School Suspension). Ms Runyon, liaison to the District 23 Board stated that students are to receive the same lunches as the other students. She will look into this matter.

Parents who came to the meeting questioned the number of students in one class.

Bell Times – The Board is concerned about the bell times for students for elementary, middle and high school students for the rural area. It was stated that student are standing out on the road in the dark.

A motion was made to discuss bell time changes (arrival and departure) for all elementary, middle and high school students. It was suggested that a community meeting be held on Wednesday, September 30 at the high school beginning at 6:30 PM. Flyers will go out to notify the parents. Mr. Truesdale 1<sup>st</sup> – Ms Matthews 2<sup>nd</sup>. A request was also made to have Mr. Norman, Durham Buses Supervisor, attend the community meeting.

Mr. Bowens brought up about a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who came before the board who was able to march, but name was left off of the senior program. Ms Runyon will investigate why student's name was left of Baptist Hill Middle High Senior program.

Areas of concern for bus pick up problem were Old Jacksonboro Road, Mitchell Road, Parkers Ferry, Wiltown, Smalls Hill and an EB Ellington Advanced Studies student who has to be dropped off at Public on Savannah Highway.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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Charles Glover, Chairman

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