

**CONSTITUENT DISTRICT 23  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018  
7224 Highway 162  
Hollywood, SC

**ATTENDEES: J. Matthews, B. Bowens, R. Truesdale, Rev. A. Holmes, Dr. H. Frazier, Rev. C. Glover, and R. McNeil.**

**OPEN SESSION  
6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE, & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Vice Chair Matthews; R. Truesdale led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by B. Bowens, seconded by Rev. Holmes, to adopt the agenda. Board approved agenda 4-0 (*Rev. Glover and Dr. Frazier were not present during this time*).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by B. Bowens, seconded by R. Truesdale to approve the June 5, 2018 meeting minutes. Rev. A. Holmes stated his unreadiness, noting an error to the motion to return to Open Session. \*The minutes reflected that the motion was made by H. Frazier, who was not in attendance. The board approved the minutes with the necessary corrections with a vote of 4-0. Corrected minutes attached (*Rev. Glover and Dr. Frazier were not present during this time*).

**DISTRICT UPDATES**

Mr. McNeil, District 23 Constituent Board Liaison, provided an update on several requests for information from the board:

**Baptist Hill High School Turnover Rate** – After thorough review, it was determined that each person leaving Baptist Hill was leaving for personal reasons that are protected by nondisclosure laws. Mr. McNeil shared examples of valid reasons that include leaving due to their family moving away or having to take care of their parents.

**Mechanical Issues with Buses** – Mr. McNeil shared that there were four incidents reported this year. One bus, in particular, those services Baptist Hill High and E.B. Ellington, is getting additional attention this summer. In response to questions from board members, Mr. McNeil shared that the bus will be worked on, but a replacement is possible, if needed. The board also requested the year of the bus and a record of how much instructional time is lost when the buses are inoperable. He will follow up with Transportation Services and share information and updates as they become available.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITORS**

- Coretha Burnell, shared concerns about her grandson and his participation in the enrichment program at Baptist Hill. Mr. McNeil will follow up on the concerns shared.
- Tiffany Deas, Parent Ambassador, Minnie Hughes shared several issues and concerns regarding the school. She reiterated concerns that were shared during previous meetings about revising the attendance lines for Minnie Hughes. In addition to the school losing students, she stated that they are also losing

teachers as a result of the declining enrollment. Rev. Holmes, ask for clarity, if the students leaving were going to Choice Schools? Ms. Deas shared that they were leaving to go to E.B. Ellington. She also shared that she has been persistent on school administration regarding the condition of the facility. Dr. Frazier interjected stating that she shared with the principal that she needs to bring the information before the board.

### **CHAIR REPORT**

J. Matthews thanked the board members and staff for their participation in the celebration for Chairman Seabrook. She reminded board members to dress appropriately when attending functions where they are representing the board and the district.

J. Matthews reminded the board that on Saturday, June 23rd, they will be joining the Jane Edwards Elementary School family for the appreciation program for Principal Susan Miles. The program will begin at 3:00 p.m.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

J. Matthews noted that Minnie Hughes has been discussed in previous meetings so it should be on the list for renovating. Mr. McNeil shared that there is a program in place regarding Minnie Hughes. There are systems in place for Facilities Management to respond to these requests. The process is standard for all schools.

J. Matthews also mentioned that the attendance lines were redrawn a few years ago. Rev. Glover shared that the existing lines were affected when E.B. Ellington started to offer the magnet program.

Rev. A. Holmes initiated a conversation on board protocol and how issues and concerns should be handled. The board should work together to ensure that the full board is informed of issues that may have been shared with one or two board members. After much discussion and comments by several board members, supporting the need to work together, J. Matthews closed the discussion by reiterating the need to leave the past in the past so the board can get on the right track and work towards becoming a board of one.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Frazier shared a personal letter to the board regarding receipt of an award for fundraising efforts for Baptist Hill High School. Ms. Matthews and Rev. Glover shared their thoughts regarding Dr. Frazier receiving the award as they felt that the award should have not been given to one board member, but to the full board for their participation. A copy of the letter is attached.

Dr. Frazier shared a copy of the terms of each board member as they prepare for the upcoming election. A motion was made by Rev. A. Holmes, seconded by Rev. C. Glover, to go into Executive Session to discuss to discuss a board matter. The board approved 6-0.

A motion was made by Rev. Holmes, seconded by B. Bowens, to return to Open Session. The board approved 6-0.

A motion was made by Rev. Holmes, seconded by Mrs. Bowens, to receive the resignation of Mr. Leroy Seabrook. The board approved 5-1 (R. Truesdale opposed).

R. Truesdale asked that the minutes reflect that he disagrees with the date reflected in Mr. Seabrook's resignation letter. He stated that if a resignation is submitted, it should be dated for the date that it was received by the board. You cannot backdate a legal document and accept it for one date.

With the board's acceptance of the resignation, T. Champaigne will move forward with posting the vacancy for 30 days as policy requires. The board will review applications received when they meet in August.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by B. Bowens, seconded by C. Glover, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. The board approved 5-0.

**Approved 8/7/2018**