

**CONSTITUENT DISTRICT 2
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

5:30 PM

Laing Middle School – Media Center
2705 Bulrush Basket Lane, Mt. Pleasant

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:47. In attendance: Sarah Johnson, Marty Belk, Kristen Cassi, Pamela Jouan-Goldman. Mr. Tezza was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Belk moved and Ms. Cassi seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (4-0).

III. Review of Discipline Procedures

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Belk to go into Executive Session. Motion passed 4:0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. Student Expulsion Hearings (3)

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Belk to return to open session. Motion passed 4:0/.

V. Vote on Executive Session Items

- A. Hearing for Student A was postponed.
- B. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Goldman to return Student B to school on district probation with continued random backpack and student searches and weekly check-ins with Mr. Conner. Student is to complete 10 hours of community service by the end of January and to successfully complete the ADEPT program. Motion passed 3:0. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Goldman to note that the probation was in effect until June 6, 2019. Motion passed 3:0. (Ms. Cassi had to leave meeting during deliberation for Student B and did not vote.)

- C. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Cassi, who had returned to meeting, to return Student C to school on district probation until the end of the school year, June 6, 2019 with 20 hours of community service to be completed by March 1, 2019 and a letter of apology to Wando staff to be delivered to Mr. Blankenship by December 20, 2018. Motion passed 4:0.

VI. District 1/District 2 Proposal for Consolidation – Ms. Johnson introduced guest Joe Bowers, former District 1 Board member and Chairman of Joint Committee on Consolidation.

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2018 Joint Board Meeting were approved as presented with the inclusion of the Consolidation Proposal document was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Goldman. Motion passed 4:0.
- B. Review and Action on Notification: Ms. Johnson introduced Joe Bowers, former District 1 board member. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Bowers reviewed the history of the consolidation proposal. Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Goldman seconded the motion to approve, as presented, the letter to the Charleston County Legislative delegation. Motion passed 4:0.

VII. Board Reports – next meeting is Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 5:30pm.

VIII. Adjournment – There being no further business, Ms. Cassi moved and Ms. Goldman seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4:00. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Approved:

Board Chair

approved 1.16.19
Date

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
AND
MOULTRIE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
BOARDS OF TRUSTEES**

of Charleston County, South Carolina
St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School
8900 U. S. Highway 17 North
McClellanville, South Carolina
Thursday, November 1, 2018 (6:30 p.m.)
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Ms. Sarah Johnson, Chairperson
Mr. Roger O'Sullivan, Vice Chair
Mr. Joseph Bowers III
Mr. Chris Nickels
Ms. Juanita Middleton
Rev. Derrick Wilson

Members Absent:

Ms. Erma Harrell, Vice Chair
Ms. Marty Belk
Ms. Diane Geathers
Mr. Trey Tezza

Others Present:

Ms. Terri Nichols, Associate Superintendent
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle
School Principal
Mr. Ricardo Robinson, St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle
School Assistant Principal
Ms. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist

- I. Meeting Called to order: Mr. Thomas L. Colleton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.
- II. Welcome, Moment of Silence/Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Colleton, Chairperson, gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Joe Bowers and seconded by Rev. Derrick Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously (7-0).

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- IV.** Introduction of Constituent Board Members/Guests
- V.** Public Presentations & Recognitions: Ms. Sarah Johnson recognized Mr. Roger O'Sullivan's service with a special note of exemplary attendance, positive attitude, and a big heart. Mr. Chris Nickels was also recognized by Ms. Sarah Johnson noting his passion of advocating for "all to do better and be better".
- VI.** Public Comments: None
- VII.** Visitors: - None
- VIII.** Public Communications: None
- IX.** Review Recommendation for Consolidation of Constituent Boards
- A. The resolution was reviewed and discussed at length.
- B. The motion was made by Mr. O'Sullivan to approve the resolution document with one edit, changing the word "of" to "for". The motion was seconded by Mr. Nickels. The motion was passed unanimously (7-0).
- C. Mr. Colleton expressed concerns with going forward with the recommendation for the Consolidation of Constituent Boards 1 and 2 without gaining community input or allowing newly elected board members to debate the issue. He went on to add that the entire process should be fully transparent to avoid any implications of rushing the process through before the election of new board members and suggested a second reading would be the prudent thing to do. Mr. O'Sullivan made the motion for the resolution document to be marked for a second reading and was seconded by Mr. Colleton. With a vote of (3-4) the motion did not pass. Nay votes were cast by Ms. Johnson, Mr. Bowers, Ms. Middleton, and Mr. Nickels.
- D. Mr. Bowers made the motion to give authority for the Chairpersons of Constituent School Board Numbers 1 and 2 to author and administer a cover letter addressed

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to the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees and the Charleston County Legislative Delegation outlining the process followed in creating the resolution of consolidation along with the recommendation and to include as an attachment the Resolution to Consolidate. Mr. Nickels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

- X. Convene Executive Session: Mr. Bowers motioned to convene to Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. The motion was seconded by Ms. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).
- XI. Reconvene Executive Session: Mr. Colleton motioned to reconvene Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).
- XII. Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Colleton made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Moultrie Constituent District
Two Board of Trustees

December 12, 2018

Sarah S. Johnson
Chair

Marty Belk

Kristen Cassi

Pamela Jouan-Goldman

Trey Tezza

Charleston County Legislative Delegation
Post Office Box 190016
North Charleston, SC 29419-9016

Dear Members of the Charleston County Legislative Delegation,

In August of 2018, the Boards of Trustees of St. James-Santee Constituent School District No. 1 and Moultrie Constituent School District No. 2 of Charleston County passed a joint resolution to create a committee to meet and draft a proposal to consolidate into one district. The committee met twice during September and unanimously adopted a proposal to present to both boards at a joint meeting.

On November 1, 2018, the Boards of Trustees of St. James-Santee Constituent School District No. 1 and Moultrie Constituent School District No. 2 of Charleston County held a joint meeting where the proposal to consolidate was unanimously adopted.

The mission of our proposal is to unite as one constituent school district in order to create a diverse and equitable learning environment fostering access to quality public education for all children east of the Cooper River. Enclosed is a copy of our original joint resolution and the final proposal to consolidate our two constituent districts.

Sincerely,



Sarah S. Johnson
Chair, Moultrie Constituent District No. 2

cc: Charleston County Board of Trustees
St. James-Santee No. 1 Board of Trustees
Moultrie No. 2 Board of Trustees
Gerrita Postlewait, Charleston County Superintendent of Education
Terri Nichols, District No. 1 Liaison
Jeffrey Borowy, District No. 2 Liaison

Saint James – Santee Constituent School District No. 1 Resolution No. 1 of 2018

Moultrie Constituent School District No. 2 Resolution No. 1 of 2018

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A JOINT COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE A PLAN REGARDING CONSOLIDATION FOR ST. JAMES – SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND MOULTRIE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 OF CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, St. James – Santee Constituent School District No. 1 and Moultrie Constituent School District No. 2 are both located east of the Cooper River within Charleston County, South Carolina, and

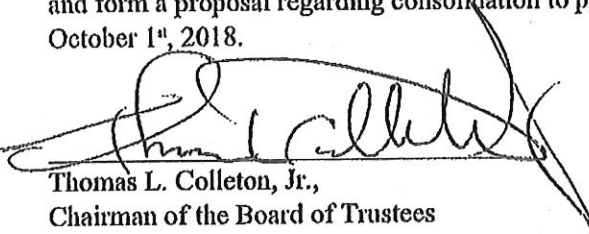
WHEREAS, both districts are contiguous by land and Wando High School currently serves as the only zoned high school for both districts, and

WHEREAS, the municipal limits of the towns of Awendaw and Mount Pleasant cross the boundary between the two districts and incorporate areas of both, and


WHEREAS, there lacks a student population to have a viable high school only serving students within St. James – Santee Constituent School District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District has asked the boards of trustees of St. James – Santee Constituent School District No. 1 and Moultrie Constituent School District No. 2 to work together to plan accordingly for a middle school and a high school that will serve both districts, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the agreement of the boards of trustees of both St. James – Santee Constituent School District No. 1 and Moultrie Constituent School District No. 2 of Charleston County, South Carolina, a joint committee consisting of five (5) trustees, three (3) from District No. 1 and two (2) from District No. 2, is hereby established to meet, elect a committee chairman, and form a proposal regarding consolidation to present to both boards for consideration no later than October 1st, 2018.


Thomas L. Colleton, Jr.,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
St. James – Santee Constituent School District No. 1 of Charleston County

August 28, 2018
Date


Sarah Shad Johnson,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Moultrie Constituent School District No. 2 of Charleston County

8-15-18
Date

CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS NO. 1 & NO. 2
of Charleston County, South Carolina

Consolidation Proposal

A. Mission

To unite as one constituent school district in order to create a diverse and equitable learning environment fostering access to quality public education for all children east of the Cooper River.

B. Name

East Cooper Constituent School District No. 1 of Charleston County

C. Board Makeup & Election Requirements

Trustees shall be elected at-large to terms of four years, except those originally appointed. There shall be elected one trustee from each geographic area in one cycle and one from each geographic, plus the At-Large seat in the other.

- **7 Member Board** (2 Seats in Areas I, II, III, and 1 At-Large)
- or*
- **9 Member Board** (2 Seats in Areas I, II, III, IV, and 1 At-Large)

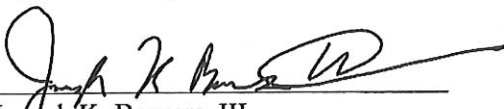
D. Timeline

- The trustees of the new constituent district shall be appointed by the Charleston County Legislative Delegation or the Charleston County Board of Trustees no later than May 31st, of the applicable year. They shall be elected as their terms expire.
- Consolidation shall take place on July 1st, of the applicable year, and the former districts shall be abolished.
- The new trustees shall take office on July 1st, of the applicable year, and have their first meeting no later than July 31st. There they shall elect officers.

E. Other Necessary Language

The Board of Trustees shall adopt attendance zones of schools within the constituent school district, at least one year after consolidation. However, no elementary, middle, or high school may be closed until three public hearings are held at least two weeks apart within the affected attendance area, with information to include, among other things, a delineation of the cost factors involved with keeping the school open and transporting the students to another school. In addition to the public hearings requirement, if a school in an attendance area that existed before consolidation is to be closed and the students of that school moved to a school in another attendance area, the qualified electors within the attendance area where the school is to be closed also first must approve the closing by referendum. The referendum may not be held at the same time as a school bond referendum.

This proposal was adopted by unanimous vote of four committee members present on Monday, September 24th, 2018.



Joseph K. Bowers, III,
Chairman,
Joint Committee for Consolidation Proposal