

**ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

*of Charleston County, South Carolina*

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School

8900 U. S. Highway 17 North

McClellanville, South Carolina

Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson  
Ms. Diane Geathers, Vice-Chairperson  
Mr. Jamond Blake  
Ms. Addie Campbell  
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton  
Ms. Chayann Simpson

**Members Absent:** Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine

**Others Present:** Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Constituent District 1 Liaison  
Ms. Beverly Holt-Pilkey, Executive Director, Department of Exceptional Children, District 1 Liaison  
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle  
Ms. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist, Constituent District 1 Assistant  
Ms. Rasheida Brown, Technician III, Department of School Support and Community Engagement

I. Meeting call to order

Ms. Diane Geathers, the Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. Welcome, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Diane Geathers, the Vice Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation by Mr. Jamond Blake.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Geathers asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Chayann Simpson made the motion, and Mr. Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors

None

V. Presentation

A. Highway 17 Blue Ribbon Committee update was postponed until the next meeting.

VI. Public Comments

None

## VII. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Geathers requested a motion to approve the October 24th meeting minutes. Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton made the motion, and Ms. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## VIII. Constituent District 1 Liaison Reports

### A. Early Childhood Program Updates - Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Constituent District 1 Liaison

1. Enrollment: 24 in Early Head Start and 16 in Head Start
2. Curriculum: building study, winter study, paper study, empathy, and emotional management
3. Vacancies: none
4. The federal government will conduct a visit after the first of the year.

### B. Charleston County School District News/Updates

Ms. Foxworth gave a brief recap of the November 13th Consolidated Board meeting.

- A new board chair and vice chair were elected.
- New finance and audit committee member changes were made.
- December 15th is the last day for students to attend this year and the last day of work for staff this year. Staff returns to work on January 2nd. Students return to school on January 3rd.
- A policy regarding interim appointments is being considered for implementation.
- A recognition for school resource officers took place.

### C. St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School Updates

Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, the Principal, shared the following:

1. Student participated in the College of Charleston Stem Day as well as taking a tour of the Maritime School.
2. The Honor Roll assembly took place this month.
3. The school partnered with Seacoast Church and distributed over 80 meals for the holiday.
4. Several community churches will contribute gifts and donations for scholars this holiday season.
5. The parent community team is working on the details for the holiday program and lunch for the week of December 11th.
6. The McCellanville tree lighting event is next week, with a student performance
7. A major launch for mentors will take place in January.
8. A parent survey update has not been received at this time.
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### D. Wando High School Updates

Ms. Chayann Simpson and Mr. Jamond Blake gave the following updates concerning Wando High School:

1. Lunch and learn is available for students.
2. Early release is scheduled for this Friday.

IX. Vice Chairperson's Report

Ms. Geathers instructed the board to continue to support and encourage the students.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

None

XII. Adjournment:

With no further business, Ms. Geathers asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Collenton made the motion, and Ms. Simpson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

*Approved December 12, 2023*