

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, October 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Members Present: Ms. Diane Geathers, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Jamond Blake
Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton
Ms. Chayann Simpson

Members Absent: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Ms. Addie Campbell

Others Present: Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools
Ms. Beverly Holt-Pilkey, Executive Director, Department of Exceptional Children,
District 1 Liaison
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle
School
Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, Wando High School
Ms. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist, Constituent District 1 Assistant

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 Ms. Marie Facine.

III. Adoption of Agenda

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

IV. Visitors

Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools
Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, Wando High School

V. Presentation

A. Highway 17 Blue Ribbon Committee update

Highlights provided by Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools, and Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, of Wando High School, were:

- Five to six meetings have taken place

- Four school sites were toured in Connecticut
- A survey was sent to all D1 and D2 parents
 - 56 responses were received from D1, 682 responses were received from D2
 - Three leading interests were Technology, Environmental, and Agricultural
- The inclusion of a swimming pool is being considered
- Currently determining the next steps, which require the Cabinet and Dr. Gaillen's involvement
- A second parent survey is in the draft stage; the D1 board would like to see the survey accessible via the web
- Public meetings are part of the process; a construction timeline cannot be established until a plan is determined

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Geathers requested a motion to approve the September 26th and October 3rd meeting minutes. Ms. Facine made the motion, and Ms. Collenton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Constituent District 1 Liaison Reports

A. Early Childhood Program Updates - Ms. Beverly Holt-Pilkey, Executive Director, Department of Exceptional Children, District 1 Liaison

1. Enrollment: 24 in Early Head Start and 16 in Head Start
2. Curriculum: clothing, empathy/social skills
3. Vacancies: none
4. Teachers have been attending professional development

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates

Ms. Holt-Pilkey gave a brief recap of the Monday night Consolidated Board meeting.

- Celebrating National Principal Month
- Celebrating school report cards
- College and Career readiness goals update
- An increase in constituent board pay increase will move forward into the budget process

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

Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine and Ms. Addie Campbell presented the following highlights:

1. Parent lunch was offered on a school-grade basis
2. 8th graders are visiting Coastal Carolina this week
3. Fall Festival is coming up
4. November 7th is the start of family data conferences

Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, the Principal, presented a comparison of School Report

Cards, this year's versus last year's.

D. Wando High School Updates

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

1. Homecoming was last week; the chosen king and queen were former students
2. A former student was Warrior of the Week
3. A reminder was given that there are many opportunities for students to join clubs

IX. Vice Chairperson's Report

Ms. Geathers happily reported that Lincoln's water issue had been repaired and the alumni event will take place early next year.

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. Blake seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved November 28, 2023