

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, August 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Ms. Diane Geathers, Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Addie Campbell
Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton
Ms. Chayann Simpson

Members Absent: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Mr. Jamond Blake

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

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.

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

Ms. Beverly Holt-Pilkey, Executive Director of the Department of Exceptional Children, Ms. JoMarie Hartman, Technician III of Leadership Pipeline, and Mr. Geathers.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Presentation & Recognitions

None

VII. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Geathers requested a motion to approve the May 23rd meeting minutes. Ms. Marie Facine made the motion and Ms. Addie Campbell 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: Rules and Procedures
3. Vacancies: None
4. Extensive professional training for staff has taken place prior to the start of school.
5. Advocating for funding for after-school programs is ongoing. An update will be given at the next meeting.

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates

Ms. Foxworth gave a brief recap of the Monday night Consolidated Board meeting.

- Academic calendar options are available for feedback.
- The Paid Parental Leave Policy was approved.
- HVAC update was given.
- A new Instructional Framework is in effect.

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

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

1. The Meet the Teachers event was well received; the Superintendent was in attendance.
2. SC Ready data will be released on September 5.
3. Open House will be on September 14.
4. The parent group will help plan a Back to St. James-Santee initiative.
5. Successful first day of school.
6. No staff vacancies.
7. A Men of Charleston Teach fellow will begin next week.
8. 179 scholars are in attendance this year.
9. Concerns were voiced regarding securing a dedicated full-time SRO.

D. Wando High School Updates

Ms. Chayann Simpson gave the following updates concerning Wando High School:

1. The first football game took place last Friday and Senior Night will take place this week.
2. Charles Coker is the new principal and has an extensive education background.

IX. Vice Chairperson's Report

Ms. Geathers asked for all to keep Mr. Colleton and Mr. Blake in their thoughts as they are experiencing health difficulties.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

The board was concerned that the Blue Ribbon Commission liaison was not in attendance. Ms. Foxworth will relay the concern and will also provide the names of the Commission members.

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 6:29 p.m.

Approved: September 26, 2023