

**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, May 23, 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. Marie Snyder-Facine  
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton

**Members Absent:** Ms. Chayann Simpson

**Visitors:** None

**Others Present:** Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Constituent District 1 Liaison  
Ms. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist, Constituent District 1 Assistant  
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School  
Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, Wando High School  
Ms. Carrie Knotts - Teacher, Cario Middle School

I. Meeting call to order

Mr. Thomas Colleton, the Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Welcome, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Thomas Colleton opened the meeting with a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Shirely Collenton made the motion and Ms. Diane Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors

Mr. Lewis Porcher, Lead Community Representative of the Lincoln Repurposing Project provided an update with the following highlights.

- The district has been extremely helpful - the plumbing and HVAC are being repaired and/or replaced
- The opening is tentatively scheduled for November 16 which will be 7 years to the date of the closing of Lincoln HS

- The Charleston County Sheriff's Office will have a substation on site and the SC Highway Department will have an office possibly leading to job opportunities for the community
- There are plans to change the kitchen into a fellowship hall outfitted with a stage for performances, movies, etc...
- The creation of the Lincoln Historical Society is underway
- A band room will be part of the property plans; this will present an opportunity for sponsors and volunteers to support learning sessions
- The transfer of ownership paperwork was signed on Thursday
- A new gym floor will be installed compliments of Parks and Recreation

V. Public Comments

VI. Presentation & Recognitions

Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, Wando High School - North Highway 17 High and Middle Schools Blue Ribbon Committee presented the following highlights.

- Seven committee members visited Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus in Bridgeport, CT
- The campus serves 1,500 students with three schools
- Project-based schedule
- Students apply to attend and choose a pathway
- The goal is to attract all students

Ms. Kimberly Foxworth will ensure the D1 Constituent Board receives a list of all of the Blue Ribbon Committee members' names.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Colleton requested a motion to approve the April 25th meeting minutes. Ms. Marie Facine made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- VIII. Mr. Colleton requested a motion to approve the 2023-2024 meeting calendar indicating no meetings scheduled for June and July of 2024. Ms. Marie Facine made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. 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: balls and water; Raising A Reader has concluded
3. Funding still needs to be secured for the after-school care program
4. Vacancies: none

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates

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

- Superintendent Search - four finalists have been chosen and Meet and Greet sessions have been scheduled
- Fiscal Year 2024 Budget - continuation for the first reading of the budget; it is unsure if the Board will pass the budget by June 30
- The board is considering issuing a one-time \$5000 bonus for teachers

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

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

1. The April 27th Money Talks workshop was well received
2. Summer camps are taking place - Epic Camp in the morning and Parks and Recreation Camp in the afternoon
3. The Washington trip departs tomorrow morning; fundraising continues due to an increase in expenses; 25 students will be taking part in the trip
4. May Day was well attended; it was well planned and many compliments were received

Mr. Jamond Blake added that in coordination with foundations, there will be a Back-To-School event at the end of July and volunteers are needed.

D. Wando High School Updates

Mr. Jamond Blake gave the following updates concerning Wando High School

1. 10 scholars are due to graduate
2. A Listening Session was held to resolve conflict resolution between students

X. Executive session

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to convene an executive session to discuss student data. Ms. Collenton made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Reconvene executive session

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to convene an executive session. Ms. Collenton made the motion and Ms. Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Chairperson's Report

None

XIII. Old Business

None

XIV. New Business

None

XV. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

*Approved: August 29, 2023*