

**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 29, 2022, 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  
Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine

**Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Ms. Sonya Gardner, Charleston County Parks and Recreation  
Ms. Dee Andria Brown  
Ms. Patrice Simmons

**Others Present:** Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools  
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School  
Ms. Sophia Mitchell, Team Associate IV, Student Services  
Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, Wando High School  
Ms. Rudell Burch, Assistant Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School  
Ms. Kimberly Parrish, Project Specialist, Constituent District 1 Assistant

I. Meeting called to order:

Mr. Thomas Colleton, the Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. Welcome, Moment of Silence/Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Thomas Colleton opened the meeting with an invocation and Mr. Colleton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine made the motion and Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Welcome and Introduction of Board

Each board member gave a brief overview of their background and passion for serving the public.

V. Election of Officers

Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools, conducted the election for District 1 Constituent Board Chairperson and asked for nominations. Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton made a motion to nominate Mr. Colleton for the position of Chairperson. The motion was closed and carried. Mr. Colleton will serve as Chairperson for the Constituent District 1 Board.

Mr. Colleton conducted the election for the position of Vice Chair and asked for nominations. Ms. Diane Geathers motioned to nominate Ms. Mitchell-Collenton for the position of Vice Chair. Ms. Mitchell-Collenton made a motion to nominate Ms. Geathers. Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine moved for the nominations to be closed. The motion to nominate Ms. Geathers for the position of Vice Chair was closed and carried. Ms. Geathers will serve as the Vice Chair for Constituent District 1 Board.

VI. Presentation & Recognition:

Presentation to Rev. EJ Milligan and Ms. Dee Andria Brown - Rev. Milligan was not able to attend; Ms. Brown was recognized and she briefly gave praise to the experience and the guidance obtained for a future endeavor; a certificate of appreciation was presented.

VII. Executive Session

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to convene an executive session to hold the discipline hearing 1.3.22 (27) Threat. Ms. Collenton made the motion and Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Open Session Reconvene

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to reconvene to an open session. Ms. Geathers made the motion and Ms. Facine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Simpson made a motion for the outcome of discipline hearing 1.3.22 (27) Threat to be in lieu of expulsion, assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of thirty (30) school days and place the student on district probation for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Violation of this placement (refusal to attend placement or further discipline concerns), the student is automatically assigned to Daniel Jenkins Academy until successful completion of the program and remains on district probation for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Diane Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Visitors

Ms. Sonya Gardner, Charleston County Parks and Recreation is exploring options for flooring and painting, and for repurposing rooms/areas. She voiced frustration in not receiving support for Charleston County School District regarding HVAC and plumbing issues. The issue of secure and sufficient workspace at St. James Santee Elementary Middle School was discussed with Mr. Joel Massey, Charleston County Parks and Recreation, and Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal.

Ms. Patrice Simmons, a parent, expressed concern regarding the safety of a 3rd-grade student.

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to convene an Executive Session to discuss the safety of a 3rd-grade student. Ms. Collenton made the motion and Ms. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to reconvene Open Session. Ms. Facine made the motion and Ms. Collenton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Public Comments: None

XI. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to approve the October 25th meeting minutes. Ms. Geathers made the motion and Ms. Collenton seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Constituent District 1 Liaison Reports

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

1. Enrollment: 22 in Early Head Start and 14 in Head Start
2. Curriculum: trees, clothing
3. Vacancies: childcare assistant and a floater
4. The Fall Festival was well attended; the first book was sent home for the Raising-A-Reader program; the provisional license is anticipated for the after-school program.

b. St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School - Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine presented the following highlights:

A parent meeting took place in October; the Halloween bash was enjoyable; the scholar took part in a Thanksgiving luncheon; various outings took place (Nutcracker performance, National Geographic experience, breakfast at a local restaurant); the second group of 8th graders will visit CAS Wando tomorrow; winter assessment takes place next week; Erin's Law Intervention programs with scholars is nearing completion; the I-Beam volunteers program was reinstated; a piano lab is coming soon; there is a need for a music teacher; flu clinic will take place on the 6th.

c. Wando High School - Ms. Chayann Simpson and Ms. Pamela Jubar shared the following highlights:

Big wins for several Wando sports teams as well as the band; ACT and SAT tests are taking place; the focus of the professional development for staff is on creating a welcoming environment; an altercation occurred and resulted in disciplinary action for 13 students; progress reports are going out tomorrow; the Steps for Success program is active (students have the opportunity to stay after school for study assistance and opportunities to fulfill seat-time); Wando was selected to participate in African American studies pilot program.

XIII. Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Colleton will obtain a Lincoln Project update from Mr. Lewis Porcher and he will present the report at the next meeting. He also stated his frustration over the lack of communication from Charleston County School District regarding the sale of the property deemed for the Middle School site.

Mr. Colleton requested a timeline for the proposed new school to be given to the Constituent Board.

Mr. Colleton appointed Ms. Addie Campbell to work with Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine and Mr.

Jamond Blake to work with Ms. Simpson as school liaisons.

XIV. Old Business: None

XV. New Business: None

XVI. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Geathers made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Campbell. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

*Approved January 24, 2023*