

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

of Charleston County, South Carolina

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (via Zoom)

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Rev. Ej Milligan, Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Dee Andria Brown
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton
Ms. Diane Geathers
Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine
Ms. Chayann Simpson

Visitors: Mr. Lewis Porcher, Lead Community Representative of the Lincoln Repurposing Project

Others Present: Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Constituent District 1 Liaison
Ms. Buffy Roberts, Executive Director of Assessment and Evaluation, Constituent District 1 Back-up Liaison
Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, Wando High School
Ms. Toshiba Champaigne, Constituent Board Liaison

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. Colleton opened the meeting with an invocation by Mr. Lewis Porcher and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Rev. Ej Milligan made the motion, and Ms. Cynthia Geathers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors:

As it relates to the Lincoln Regional Center, Mr. Lewis Porcher shared that they anticipated start date of May, and they are on course. A business expo was scheduled for May 21st, but the engagement has been postponed tentatively for the second week in June. The new date will include community groups to discuss issues and present information. This will also serve as an opportunity to get various areas together.

The Awendaw McClellanville Precinct meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2022. Mr. Porcher would like his group to be a part of that meeting, noting that Rev. Ej Milligan is running for the vacant seat on the consolidated board.

Ms. Facine asked Mr. Porcher if they were looking at changing the signage at the school. Mr. Porcher shared that they will change the sign, eventually, to read The Lincoln Regional Center of South Carolina with details in small print. The organization will look toward changing the signage

once the property has been legally transferred over to them. The Lincoln sign and other memorabilia will be housed in a designated location in the main hallway that will become a museum display area, where the items could be preserved for future appreciation. Mr. Colleton shared that the district has a lot of paraphernalia and artifacts being held securely in the warehouse. These items will also become a part of the museum.

V. Public Comments:

Visitors joined later during the meeting. Ms. Champaigne will allow them to speak upon entry.

VI. Presentation & Recognition:

None

VII. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion for the approval of the March 22nd meeting minutes. Rev. Ej Milligan made the motion, and Ms. Geathers seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Constituent District 1 Liaison Report

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

1. Students are now going to school for (almost a full year). The last day for Early Childhood students is June 1st.
2. Enrollment: 10 Head Start and 20 Early Head Start students.
3. Early HS Lead vacancy is still open.
4. The current curriculum is Insects in Headstart.
5. Early Headstart curriculum is Balls.
6. Celebrated *The Week of the Young Child*. Families were able to come in for the first time since the pandemic's start.
7. Raising-A-Reader program continues.
8. Annual Office of Headstart Observation – St. James Santee scored about the national average.
9. End of the Year celebration is scheduled for May 31, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Updates will be provided.

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates – Ms. Kimberly Foxworth, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Constituent District 1 Liaison, and Ms. Buffy Roberts, Executive Director of Assessment and Evaluation, Constituent District 1 Back-up Liaison

1. During the May 8, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting, the Superintendent's Report focused mainly on ESSER III spending.
2. All schools submitted plans that were reviewed.
3. The Board of Trustees is starting the Superintendent's Search by looking at firms.
4. In the beginning stage of the budget approval process.
5. There were no updates regarding the new school in District 1.
6. Mr. Colleton noted that they are still waiting on a meeting with the staff members requested. He said if all are not available to meet simultaneously, he is willing to meet with them as they are available.
Rev. German asked what the length of time was for the new District 9 Elementary

School compared to the building of the District 1 school. Ms. Foxworth will follow up with a response.

C. St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School

Ms. Marie Snyder Facine shared that they met with Principal McMillan regarding a few concerns. It was a very productive meeting.

Ms. LaCarma McMillan, Principal

1. End of Year Assessments are in May (MAP, SCReady, PASS, and End of Course Exams for Algebra 1 and Spanish.
2. Teacher Appreciate Week – Staff will be recognized during the week.
3. May Day is back! Scheduled for May 27th.
4. Field Trips – 1st and 2nd graders went to Isle of Palms last week, Aviation Show at the Air Force Base, Bee City, Carowinds.
5. Met with liaisons this morning to address issues and concerns.
6. There is an after-school tutorial program four days a week for students that provide extra help in math, reading, and science.

Mr. Colleton asked if there were any COVID cases since protocols were lifted. Ms. McMillan shared that there have not been any cases that they have been made aware of.

Ms. Facine asked if the plan was still the same for summer camp. Ms. McMillan shared that the camp will be hosted at the school.

Mr. Colleton asked about plans for PTSO/PTA. Ms. McMillan met with SIC to discuss a relaunch. Parents will receive more info before the end of the month.

Wando High School – Ms. Chayann Simpson

1. Incident involving D1 scholars. Additional information will be shared with the board following a meeting with the school administration about the incident.
2. Rev. Milligan attended the PTO meeting with some expectation that the situation would be addressed.
Board members briefly discussed a meeting that was supposed to be held with Dr. Eppelsheimer, board members, and parents regarding the incident. Ms. Brown let board members know that an email was sent inviting them to a meeting with the school administration. The email was sent to the board's CCSD email address. Board members noted that they had had issues with their CCSD email accounts, so they may not have received the correspondence.

Ms. Pamela Jubar, Associate Principal, Wando High School

1. Reminded board members to check their emails for an invite from Dr. Eppelsheimer for a meeting tomorrow evening from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. She confirmed that it went to the email address listed for all board members (CCSD website).
2. MAP testing today and tomorrow for 9th-grade students.
3. Students with unexcused absences have been allowed to make up any required seat time through May 17th.
4. Update on the request from the board for a list of D1 students attending Wando. Ms. Jubar could not gather the requested information because she was out. The data will be shared with the board before the next meeting.
5. Two students were recognized for The National Merit Corporate Scholarship. The names of the students will be announced tomorrow.
6. National Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated next week.
7. Wando Chorus received the Golden Award for its superior rating performance in a choral competition in Florida.

8. Lacrosse girls will be competing for the State Championship on Saturday. The Lacrosse boys' game will be held this evening. If they win, they will compete for the state championship.
9. Culinary Arts students participated in a competition where they won first place. They will compete in a national competition in July.
10. Advanced Placement testing will start in May. The school will administer over 1,000 tests.

Mr. Colleton requested a projection of the number of graduates from District 1. In a report shared at the beginning of the school year, Ms. Jubar shared that there were 61 students zoned for D1. She will provide an update.

IX. Chairperson's Report:

Mr. Colleton asked for Public Comments. There were two guests on the line, but the board could not hear them. Ms. Champaign offered to contact them.

The following are highlights from Mr. Colleton's Chairperson Report:

1. Regarding the meeting with Dr. Eppelsheimer, Mr. Colleton encouraged board members to attend if they were able to.
2. Follow up on requested meetings with personnel and staff.

X. Old Business:

A. Board Meeting Format

A motion was made by Rev. Milligan, seconded by Ms. Collenton, to hold all future meetings, after the summer break, in person. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Colleton circled back on Public Comments.

Public Comment from Ms. Simmons – Regarding the concerns with St. James Santee Elementary, what were the concerns, and what was the response to the concerns?

Ms. Facine shared that Ms. Simmons is referring to the meeting held with Ms. McMillan regarding the concerns from parents regarding timely communication as it relates to picture day, field trips, and concerns around notices parents received about possible retention of students. Ms. Facine and Ms. Brown shared that Ms. McMillan was able to address their concerns.

Mr. Colleton asked if a scholar is failing during the year, is it shared with the parent? Ms. McMillan shared that parents receive a report at least every 4 ½ weeks. Teachers are also expected to hold parent conferences and data sessions if needed.

Rev. German asked if transportation was provided for the afterschool sessions. Ms. McMillan shared that vehicle was not offered during the session. For the three families where this posed an issue, Ms. McMillan worked with teachers to provide additional support that could go home. The school is awaiting the final approval of ESSER funds. Funding for afterschool tutoring was included.

Ms. McMillan expressed her appreciation for the comments and feedback. In addition to the negative feedback that may be shared, she would like to encourage parents to share the positive feedback about the great things going on at St. James Santee. Mr. Colleton shared that as parents reach out to him, he directs them to school administration or the appropriate staff member for a response and instructs them to follow up with him and the board if no resolution is found. He

thanked Ms. McMillan for responding to the concerns of the parents.

XI. New business

No new business was shared.

XII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Rev. Ej Milligan made the motion, and Ms. Shirley Collenton seconded it. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved 5.24.22