

**ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

*of Charleston County, South Carolina*

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (via Zoom)**

Tuesday, November 16, 5:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Others Present:** Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Charleston County School District Superintendent of Schools  
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. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, 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:

Rev. E. J. Milligan, the Vice-Chairperson, 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. Rev. Milligan made the motion and Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors:

Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Charleston County School District Superintendent of Schools, expressed her gratitude for the work and support the Constituent District 1 Board has done this year.

V. Public Comments:

None

VI. Presentation & Recognition:

Mr. Lewis Porcher, Lead Community Representative of the Lincoln Repurposing Project provided an update to the board which included the following

- He has received a copy of the lease agreement for an initial year; however, some details still need to be worked out.
- Activities are anticipated to start in January 2022 and Parks and Recreation are proceeding with the winter program offerings.
- A donation of laptops was received and will be used for student special computer courses for students.

Mr. Porcher asked to be given a copy of the transcript from the last Charleston County School District Board meeting as soon as it is available.

VII. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion for the approval of the October 26th meeting minutes. Ms. Collenton made the motion and Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Chairperson's Report:

Following are highlights from Mr. Colleton's Chairperson Report.

- He thanked the board for the thoughts and prayers for his nephew who is now recovering nicely.
- Ms. Harrell is in ICU but doing well.
- A call from Ms. Taylor indicated that Ms. Jubar will serve as the main contact for Wando High School and she will join the D1 board meetings in the future and the district is working with Wando to provide a data update to the D1 board.

IX. Constituent District 1 Liaison Report

A. Early Childhood Program Updates

1. Enrollment: 10 Head Start and 13 Early Head Start students.
2. Child Care vacancy was filled.
3. The current curriculum is clothing.
4. Raising a Reader will kick off on November 18 with materials going home with the students on November 19.

B. Charleston County School District News/Updates

1. COVID-19 cases within the district. LOW status = removed mask mandate. Vaccines for District 1 are being offered at Cario Middle School. Dr. Postlewait will make inquiries regarding transportation arrangements.
2. A new matrix of strategies was introduced. The main focus is giving priority to students of color and poverty, addressing the need for high-quality teachers and principals, the well-being of students, and parent satisfaction. The corresponding metrics are being established.
3. Teacher concerns obtained from a survey are being addressed.

C. District 1 Proposed New School Update

- 1.No new updates and the closing of the property is scheduled for the end of November.

X. Old Business:

None

XI. New business

Rev. Milligan announced that Ms. Swinton is requesting support from the D1 Board with providing gifts to the teachers at St. James-Santee.

Ms. Dee Andria Brown expressed her gratitude for all of the support she and her family have received during this difficult time.

XII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Rev. Milligan made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Chayann Simpson. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

*Approved: December 14, 2021*