

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**St. James-Santee Elementary School
McClellanville, SC 29458**

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 (6:30 p.m.)

Members Present: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Mr. Joseph K. Bowers, III
Ms. Anita Alston Gore
Ms. Erma Harrell
Rev. Derrick Wilson

Members Absent: Ms. Shonna Weathers
Ms. Dianne Geathers

Others Present: Dr. Lynda Davis, Interim Associate Superintendent
Dr. Joe Sampson, St. James-Santee Elementary Principal
Mr. Kenneth Sellers, Lincoln Middle-High School Assistant Administrator
Ms. Trudie Cantrell, Administrative Assistant

Others Absent: Ms. Pamela Jubar, Interim Principal Lincoln Middle/High School

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1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Mr. Thomas L. Colleton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, gave the invocation, and led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Notice of Meeting:** In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, the Charleston County Public Relations Office was notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting, and the agenda was posted on the Charleston County School District web page, and St. James-Santee front office.
3. **Visitors:** Ms. Cheryl Singleton
Ms. Delonda Williams

The Board immediately went into executive session. Ms. Singleton and Ms. Williams waited in the school hallway for a while and shared their concerns with Dr. Sampson, who shared with the Board. Ms. Singleton, parent of 9th grader at Lincoln Middle/High School doesn't feel he gets the support he needs for Algebra. She feels that Lincoln is a dumping ground. Mr. Bowers had spoken to Ms. Singleton the day before. Mr. Sellers, Lincoln Middle/High School Assistant Administrator, stated that the student is taking the math class through Edgenuity, which is an online course. Students should take notes, complete activities, and must be organized. Mr. Colleton stated that Ms. Singleton's son received a failing grade. The math curriculum teacher should be engaging students. Mr. Bowers shared there are Instructional Coaches for ELA and Math.

4. **Executive Session:** Ms. Harrell moved and Mr. Bowers seconded the motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing Lincoln Middle-High School student (ID#23332).

5. **Open Session:** Mr. Bowers moved and Ms. Harrell seconded the motion to return to open session for the purpose of voting on Lincoln Middle/High School student (ID#23332). The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Bowers moved and Ms. Harrell seconded the motion to readmit Lincoln Middle/High School student (ID#23332) back to school. Student (ID#23332) read the contract to the Board. Mr. Colleton explained the consequences if contract is not followed.

6. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson, called for the approval of the minutes for the August 22, 2015 meeting. Ms. Harrell moved and Mr. Bowers seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the meeting, with corrections. The motion passed (5-0).

7. **Old Business:**

A. Board discussed Lincoln Middle/High School annexation into McClellanville Town Limits. Mr. Bowers discussed with McClellanville Mayor Leland, who does not see the benefit to the Town of McClellanville. Mr. Bowers has spoken to Ms. Cindy Bohn-Coats and other County Board Members - suggests a petition to the County Board must be done.

B. School Bus Routes – everything running smooth with St. James-Santee and Lincoln Middle/High School.

8. **New Business:**

Discussion of new Lincoln Middle/High School options:

Ms. Erma Harrell suggested sending out a survey to residence asking a) adding an annex to St. James-Santee or b) Purchase land next to St. James-Santee for a New Lincoln Middle/High School.

Mr. Bowers suggested options: a) work and consolidate with D2 b) Let everyone go to Wando and within five years there will be a need for a new school in Awendaw/McClellanville area.

Dr. Davis asked the Board to consider what is the best education for the students.

Ms. Alston-Gore shared that the community has spoken, done every dance, every skit, and has been forgotten. The task force completed every task, attended meeting and we want the children to have the same education as Wando. The new Superintendent will come and go. We feel we are fighting a losing battle. No progress, D1 is left out. Teachers come and don't stay.

Mr. Colleton mentioned the Community Task Force in regards to building a new school in Awendaw. McClellanville is unable to attract new people because of schools. He referred to what Mayor Green commented at the last Constituent District One Board Meeting, "it's not the building, it's what is going on in the school." Dr. Postlewait had shared that it's not for her to get a new school. Her job is quality education for students. What's in the best interest of students is better curriculum and qualified teachers. Mr. Colleton stated to table the survey until all board members are available.

Mr. Bowers shared that Representative Rita Allison, Chairman of the Education Committee has a subcommittee meeting in the next two weeks and suggested that Constituent District One should submit testimony stating how consolidation has hurt District One more than helped.

Mr. Bowers was going to have a teleconference with Senator Kimpson to generate a bill to grant authority over hiring/firing.

9. **Administrative Report:** Dr. Sampson shared the week of October 26th is the Book Fair and on October 29th St. James-Santee Elementary is having their Fall Festival. November 18th or 19th - Career Fair. School staff is wearing yellow ribbons for Childhood Cancer Awareness. A faculty member is a childhood cancer survivor and donations are being accepted to donate to this cause.

Mr. Sellers shared that Lincoln Middle/High School Homecoming is scheduled for October 2nd.

10. **Board Report:** None
11. **Public Communications:** None
12. **Associate Superintendent's Report:** None
13. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Ms. Erma Harrell moved and Mr. Bowers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved

Thomas Colleton, Chairperson