

ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 (6:30 p.m.)

Members Present: Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson
Mr. Joseph K. Bowers, III
Ms. Anita Alston Gore
Ms. Erma Harrell
Ms. Dianne Geathers
Ms. Shonna Weathers
Reverend Derrick Wilson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mrs. Terri H. Nichols, Associate Superintendent
Dr. Joe Sampson, St. James-Santee Elementary Principal
Ms. Pamela Jubar, Lincoln Middle-High School Principal
Mr. Kenneth Sellers, Lincoln Middle-High School Assistant Administrative
Mrs. Trudie Cantrell, Administrative Assistant

Others Absent: None

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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:** Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Superintendent of Charleston County School District
Ms. Erica Taylor, Executive Director, Office of Strategy and Communications
Mr. Chris Staubes, Charleston County School District Board of Trustees/East Cooper
Ms. Kate Darby, Charleston County School District Board of Trustees/East Cooper
Reverend William H. Alston
Reverend Michael Branton
Reverend Francis McPherson
Ms. Shenecca Garrett
Ms. Miriam Green, Mayor of Awendaw

Dr. Postelwait discussed the following:

- Setting long term goals with the County Board.
- Structure within Charleston County School District – Support principals.
- Get out in the community.
- Bringing SCSBA training for Constituent Board of Trustees.
- The Constituent Board of Trustees are the eyes and ears of the community
- Students are our priority.
- Regarding the possibility of building a new Lincoln Middle-High School, she cannot promise a new school in five or six years, but the goal is looking where students are now and when she leaves, the level of progress seen in the students.

Ms. Erica Taylor shared:

- Dr. Postlewait working with Constituent Boards
- Ensuring that Constituent Boards are consistent - id badges, name plates, training

4. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson, called for the approval of the minutes for the July 7, 2015 meeting. Ms. Harrell moved and Mr. Bowers seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the meeting, as written. The motion passed (7-0).

5. **Old Business:**

A. Mr. Colleton shared his follow-up tour with Mr. Kramps that took place on August 4th. Mr. Kramps has sent his people out and saw the half way job is done. The list was reviewed with the Board. Mr. Colleton requested the Lincoln Middle –High School work list is sent to Ms. Taylor.

B. Ms. Jubar met with Deputy Caroline Bleu, who is a first year Student Resource Officer, Jeff Scott, CCSD Security Director, and Tim Huey, CCSD Security Training Officer to discuss duties and responsibilities. Ms. Jubar stated that Deputy Bleu seems to be a good fit for LMHS.

6. **New Business:**

A. Mr. Bowers presented Constituent District 1 Board that the Lincoln Middle-High School is the only school district that is adjacent to a municipality and not within it's limits. Constituent District 1 needs to ask Charleston County Board of Trustees to annex into the Town of McClellanville. The outcome would be that Lincoln Middle-High School would be annexed into the Town of McClellanville. This would be a step in the right direction to improve racial division.

Mr. Bowers made the motion to ask Charleston County School Board of Trustees that they petition the Town of McClellanville to have Lincoln Middle/High School to be annexed into the Town of McClellanville because Charleston County School District is number one listed by the Charleston County RMC's office as the property owner. The motion passed (4-3) (Geathers, Harrell, Weathers)

B. Mr. Colleton shared that Constituent District One has twelve buses. State owns ten of the buses and Durham owns two. Students living in the attendance zone ride the state owned buses. The Durham buses go to SOA, etc. State buses are older, don't get serviced regularly, and three of four had bus problems. Mr. Mike Hamel, Durham General Manager, is taking drivers from out of state and is working on the problem. Starting January, 2016, all bus drivers get a \$1.55 raise from \$12.00 to \$13.55 per hour. If drivers have bus driving experience, they will get higher pay.

C. Current enrollment of St. James-Santee is 222, which includes Child Development, Early Head Start, and Head Start. Lincoln Middle-High School has 144 students and Windwood Farms has 18 students.

D. Charleston County School District Budget – Mr. Colleton will review and ask Mrs. Cantrell to copy and forward to other board members.

7. **Executive Session:** None

8. **Administrative Report:**

Mr. Sampson shared:

- 2015-2016 school year has been the smoothest opening in the five years he's been Principal.
- Twenty-one students short in projections, only nine have moved out of state.
- There are fourteen teachers, two per grade.
- Four teachers left and there is one vacancy for a reading interventionist.

Ms. Jubar shared:

- Introduce Mr. Kenneth Sellers as the new Lincoln Middle-High School Assistant Administrator
- As of August 24, 2015, students arrived and left school on time.
- There are three teacher vacancies: Middle School Math, A/P Math and High School English.
- Sub plans are being made and positions are being filled by retired educators.
- Current enrollment is 144/19 did not return and 2 moved out of state.
- Has spoken to Dr. Davis and Ms. Mary Runyon to bring robotics to Lincoln Middle-High School. It will bring students opportunity.

9. **Board Report:** Student Code of Conduct for 2015-2016 was distributed to the board members.
10. **Public Communications:** None
10. **Associate Superintendent's Report:** None
11. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Ms. Erma Harrell moved and Mr. Bowers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved

Thomas Colleton, Chairperson