

**St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting (Via Zoom Conference Line) Minutes  
November 17, 2020**

**Board Members Present:** Monica Smith, Pat Cline, Tamy Lockhart, Karen Simmons, Renea Bligen, Leon Green, Gertie Smalls-Ford

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:**

The board meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by the Board Chair, Monica Smith.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Tamy Lockhart, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Tamy Lockhart, to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2020, meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

The board recognized Ms. Cheryl Glover for 8 years of services to District 9.

**IV. Introduction of Newly Elected Board Member:**

Board Chair, Monica Smith congratulated Ms. Pat Cline and Mr. Leon Green on their re-election to the board and welcomed Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, District 9's newly elected board member.

**V. Election of Officers:**

**A. Chair**

Pat Cline nominated Tamy Lockhart. The board voted 3-3 (M. Smith, L. Green, and K. Simmons opposed).

Karen Simmons nominated Monica Smith. The board voted 3-3 (T. Lockhart, P. Cline and G. Smalls-Ford opposed).

*Renea Bligen arrived after the vote closed for the Election of Chair.*

Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Leon Green to reconsider Item V. Election of Officers, A. Chair. The motion to reconsider passed 4-3 (P. Cline, T. Lockhart and G. Smalls-Ford opposed).

Pat Cline nominated Tamy Lockhart. The board voted 3-4 (M. Smith, L. Green, and K. Simmons, R. Bligen opposed).

Karen Simmons nominated Monica Smith. The board voted 4-3 (T. Lockhart, P. Cline and G. Smalls-Ford opposed).

**Monica Chair was re-elected chair of the District 9 Constituent Board of Trustees.**

**B. Vice Chair**

Monica Smith nominated Karen Simmons. The board voted 3-4 (T. Lockhart, P. Cline, G. Smalls-Ford, and R. Bligen opposed).

Renea Bligen nominated Tamy Lockhart. The board voted 4-3 (M. Smith, K. Simmons, and L. Green opposed).

**Tamy Lockhart was elected Vice-Chair of the District 9 Constituent Board of Trustees.**

**VI. Public Comments:**

There were no comments submitted.

**VII. District Updates:**

Mr. Briggman shared that District 9 currently has one .5 Special Education vacancy at Mt. Zion Elementary and an ROTC Instructor position at St. John's High School. \*Mr. Briggman will follow up on this vacancy with Principal Larson as board members shared that this position has been filled. Update: 11.18.20 – Mr. Briggman confirmed that this position has been filled.

A combined Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2020.

**VIII. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:**

**A. School Reports - Reports attached.**

**B. School Liaison Assignments**

Angel Oak Elementary – Renea Bligen  
Frierson Elementary – Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford  
Mt. Zion Elementary – Tamy Lockhart  
Haut Gap Middle – Leon Green  
St. John’s High – Dr. Karen Simmons

Ms. Smith asked about the Community Director position at St. John’s High. Mr. Briggman will follow up on the posting of this position.

**IX. Old Business:**

No old business discussed.

**X. New Business:**

No new business discussed.

**XI. Consent Agenda Items & Board Member Concerns:**

There were no consent agenda items or board member concerns presented for consideration.

**XII. Adjournment:**

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

# District 9 School Updates

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## Frierson Elementary – Pat Cline

Edith L Frierson Elementary PTA wants to thank the District 9 Board for your commitment to our community and working hard to make our schools the best they can be. You truly put the students first!

PTA Highlights from October and 10/27/20 Meeting

- 10/27/20 Meeting: ZOOM meeting with 16 participants  
Membership Report: 28 members  
Financial Report: PTA Balance of \$1100.02
- The PTA Teacher Representative, Mrs. Bennett presented a report to the PTA on the needs and wants of teachers and staff and expectations of the PTA. She focused on how this year is looking different and how nice it is to receive morale boosts in the form of treats (food, drink, candy etc.) and have the support and encouragement of families. She also asked for continued support with supplies and any events or holidays.  
PTA delivered dozens of donuts and coffee on Friday 10/30/20 for teachers and staff
- Next “Event”: Fall Festival  
Fall Festival is normally an annual PTA event. It will not be able to take place as normal due to COVID-19, social distancing parameters, and volunteers at the school while students are there. There will not be a festival with games and activities. The school has decided to send home Fall Fun Bags in November. These bags will incorporate fall themed activities and title 1 information to provide fun, educational materials and meet requirements and inform families. The school and PTA are joining resources to acquire bag and items, fill them, and distribute to all 155 students (in person and virtual learners).
- During the PTA meeting we discussed Community Outreach. For this month it was about Feeding of the Multitude. We asked for donations and hope to have families put together bags to donate for this amazing community event that takes place annually. The PTA is an organization that is opened to the community. It is important to include Community outreach in our PTA and school narrative.
- SIC asked for continued support from the PTA with the outdoor classrooms and the school gardens.
- Next PTA Meeting is 11/19/20 at 6:30pm. We are working hard and collaborating with SIC to come up with the best meeting date and times for all our members.
- Edith L. Frierson PTA contact information: [friersonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friersonpta@gmail.com)  
Please contact the PTA with any questions or concerns

## Haut Gap Middle - Dr. Karen Simmons

- Last Wednesday (November 11, 2020) 180 students returned to school. Altogether, there are approximately 350 students.

## St. John’s High – Dr. Karen Simmons

- St. John’s High SIC is scheduled for November 19th

Approved 12.1.20