

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Haut Gap Middle School
1861 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC
January 21, 2020

Board Members Present: Pat Cline, Karen Simmons, Renea Bligen, Cheryl Glover, Jean Howard

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by the Vice Chair, Renea Bligen.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Pat Cline moved, with a second by Karen Simmons, to adopt the agenda with the following amendment:

Add **Haut Gap Advances Studies Magnet Entrance Criteria** under New Business.

The motion passed 4-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Jean Howard moved, seconded by Pat Cline, to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2020, meeting as written. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comment

Mr. Alfred Grant – Haut Gap Middle parent shared concerns about how CCSD handles incidents involving weapons. Mr. Grant questioned the validity of the information the news shared regarding incidents with guns in CCSD. He also asked about security measures in place to prevent these incidents.

V. Constituent Board Chair Report:

No report shared.

VI. District Updates:

Mr. Briggman shared a list of the upcoming meetings. The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27th. He also shared the 2020-2021 calendar options.

VII. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:

Jean Howard – Frierson Elementary

- Reminded the board of the invite they received for there-opening of Frierson's newly-renovated library and the unveiling of a mural by local artist Claudia Boyce. The ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Pat Cline – Mt. Zion Elementary

- During the recent SIC meeting it was shared that May 30th is the date set for the STEM festival.

Karen Simmons – St. John's High

- The school is looking for a band instructor and a new head coach.

- Eighty students from the middle school like to run track.
- Eighth grades are already showing an interest in JROTC.
- Pat Cline shared that during St. John's SIC meeting school administration informed the group that 87% of the incoming 9th graders coming to St. John's are not prepared to do 9th grade work.

VIII. Old Business:

Attendance Zones – Pat Cline and Jean Howard provided a brief update of their meeting with Bob Olson regarding District 9 Elementary schools attendance zones. The board will continue the discussion around rezoning after the referendum passes and the location of the new school is determined.

Cheryl Glover arrived.

IX. New Business:

Haut Gap Advanced Students Magnet Entrance Criteria - The board was advised that entrance criteria is posted on the School Choice page of the CCSD website. Board members expressed concerns with parents not having access to the information and/or not knowing whether they needed to complete an application. They requested responses to the following questions:

- How are 5th grade parents being notified of changes so they will know how to proceed?
- Are principals at the elementary level sharing the information?
- Are students obligated to participate if they qualify?
- Are students re-evaluated annually to assess where they would be placed?

X. Public Notification:

The Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2020.

XI. Adjournment:

Vice Chair, Renea Bligen, adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Approved 2.4.20