

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Haut Gap Middle School

1861 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC

December 17, 2019

Board Members Present: Pat Cline, Karen Simmons, Tamy Lockhart, Monica Smith, Renea Bligen, Jean Howard, Cheryl Glover

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order & Moment of Silence:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:48 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 5-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Karen Simmons moved, seconded by Pat Cline, to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting with the necessary corrections. The motion passed 5-0.

Jean Howard arrived.

IV. Visitors/Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. Executive Session:

Pat Cline moved, seconded by Tamy Lockhart to go into Executive Session. The board approved 6-0.

VI. Open Session Reconvened:

Pat Cline moved, seconded by Tamy Lockhart to go into Executive Session. The board approved 6-0.

VII. Vote on Executive Session Item:

Cheryl Glover arrived.

A motion was made by Karen Simmons, seconded by Tamy Lockhart, to allow student 5.2.19 to return to school on strict board probation for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The board recommends that the IEP team convenes to review the student's current IEP accommodations. The student will be required to reappear before the board on April 14, 2020, with a progress update. The board approved 6-0-1 (C. Glover abstained, as she was not present during the hearing).

A motion was made by Renea Bligen, seconded by Pat Cline, to expel student 5.3.19 for the remainder of the first semester. The student will be allowed to return to school at the start of the second semester on strict board probation for the remainder of the school year. The board strongly recommends that the student seeks mental health counseling provided through the school. Lastly, the student will be required to reappear before the board on

March 3, 2020 with a progress report that should include grades and behavioral updates from teachers. The board approved 6-0-1 (K. Simmons abstained).

A motion was made by M. Smith, seconded by J. Howard to rescind the previous motion made for further discussion. The board approved 5-2 (R. Bligen and Pat Cline opposed).

A motion was made by Pat Cline, seconded by Renea Bligen, to expel student 5.3.19 for the remainder of the first semester. Upon completion of the expulsion period, the student will not be required to return to the board for a re-admittance hearing. The student will be allowed to return to school at the start of the second semester on strict board probation for the remainder of the school year. The board strongly recommends that the student seeks mental health counseling provided through the school. Lastly, the student will be required to reappear before the board on March 3, 2020 with a progress report that should include grades and behavioral updates from teachers. The board approved 6-0-1 (K. Simmons abstained).

VIII. Constituent Board Chair Report:

There was no report.

IX. District Updates:

Mr. Briggman reminded the board that highlights from the December 16th Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees Meeting were sent via email. Upcoming meetings and events were also shared. The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020 and Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2020.

X. Constituent Board School Liaison Report:

No report.

XI. Old Business:

The board reviewed changes to the By Laws that were made during the first reading on December 3, 2019 meeting. There were no further changes.

Pat Cline moved, seconded by Karen Simmons, to approve the second reading of the By Laws. The board approved 6-0.

XII. New Business:

No New Business reported.

XIII. Public Notification:

The Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees meetings are scheduled for December 16, 2019.

XIV. Adjournment:

Board Chair, Monica Smith, adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Approved 01.07.20