

**St. Paul's District 23 Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Baptist Hill Middle High School – Media Center  
5117 Baptist Hill Road, Hollywood SC  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023  
5:00 P.M.**

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order:**

The board meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Rev. Charles Glover. Board Members in attendance were: Rev. Charles Glover, Tiffany Deas Smalls, Brenda Waring Bowman, Blanche Bowens, Francenia Nelson and Josephine Matthews.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda: (Action)**

Josephine Matthews moved, with a second from Brenda Waring Bowman to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes (Action)**

A. November 9, 2023

Josephine Matthews moved, with a second from Brenda Waring Bowman to adopt the minutes. The motion passed 5-0.

**IV. Visitors/ Public Comments:**

Two members from Hollywood Town Council updated the board on planned community events this weekend in Hollywood. Community events will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is also a school supply drive for D23 students in progress, with distribution on 1/20/24.

**V. Executive Session:**

Josephine Matthews moved, seconded by Brenda Waring Bowman, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0.

A. Discipline Hearings

23.5.24 Infraction 027: Threat

23.6.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2

B. Hardship Transfer Request

**VI. Open Session Reconvened:**

Rev. Charles Glover moved, seconded by Brenda Waring Bowman, to move into Open Session. The motion passed 6-0.

**VII. Vote on Executive Session Items (Actions)**

**A. Discipline Hearing**

23.5.24 – A motion was made by Rev. Charles Glover, seconded by Tiffany Deas Smalls, In lieu of expulsion, allow the student to return to school on District Probation for the remainder of the school year. The student will need to write a letter to the board to explain the seriousness of making threats and the regrets of his actions. He will be report back to the board on February 6, 2024. Administration is also asked to provide an update to the board on the students’ progress on his BIP. The motion passed 6-0.

23.6.24 - A motion was made by Tiffany Deas Smalls, seconded by Rev. Charles Glover, In lieu of expulsion, allow the student to return to school on District Probation for the remainder of the school year. The student will need to write a letter to the board to explain the side effects of drugs and the consequences of drug possession. The student will report back to the board on February 6, 2024. Administration was asked to provide an update on the students’ progress at the February meeting as well. The motion passed 6-0.

**B. Hardship Transfer Request**

Rev. Charles Glover moved, with a second from Tiffany Deas Smalls to approve the hardship transfer request. The motion passed 6-0.

**VIII. District Updates (Information)**

Mrs. Bell updated the board on winter break dates, the first part of the teacher bonus were paid, and the next Board of Trustees meeting is December 12, 2023.

**IX. Constituent Board Report (Information)**

Jane Edwards has 3 staff vacancies. Baptist Hill Middle High has 2 Math and 1 English vacancies.

**X. Old Business**

The board discussed drafting a letter to the school board regarding the extension of the stadium bleachers and clearing of the surrounding area on the visitor side of the stadium. They will draft a new letter and send it to Mrs. Skinner.

**XI. New Business**

The board would like to hear all discipline cases, if possible, prior to the winter break.

**XII. Announcements**

**XIII. Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

**Approved 1.16.2024**