

St. Paul's Constituent District 23 Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: A. Holmes, J. Matthews, B. Bowens, F. Nelson, T. Deas-Small, R. Truesdale, C. Glover

Liaison(s) Present: Robin Jones

CCSD District Staff Present: D. Mazyck, T. Champaigne

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order, Invocation/Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance:

The board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Board Chair, followed by the invocation, a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Josephine Matthews moved, with a second by Richmond Truesdale, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Richmond Truesdale moved, with a second by Blanche Bowens, to approve the minutes from March 2, 2021, with the necessary corrections. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. Public Comments/Visitors:

No Public Comments submitted.

V. District Updates:

Received districtwide updates from Board Liaison, Robin Jones:

1. School Choice decision release has been completed and parents have until April 22nd to accept seats.
2. There will be an opportunity for students -both temporary remote and existing CVA - to continue with the virtual learning format for school year 21-22. Applications are currently being screened.
3. No updates concerning selection of principal for Baptist Hills Middle High School.

VI. Constituent Board Report:

A. Chairman's Report

Rev. Dr. Holmes shared the following:

1. Chair to Chairs Meeting Highlights
 - a. All Constituent School Board Chairs met with Rev. Dr. Eric Mack, Board of Trustees Chairman, on March 31st.
 - b. Rev. Dr. Mack is available to attend a District 23 Constituent Board meeting to discuss District 23 schools if an invitation is extended.
2. Communication Updates
 - a. The Student Transfer Process closed March 31, 2021.
 - b. District preparing for MAP and Fastbridge testing
 - c. EB Ellington promotion ceremony – June 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
 - d. Baptist Hill High Graduation – June 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

- e. Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 19, 2021
- f. Board of Trustees Meeting – April 26, 2021
- B. District 23 Board Members’ Reports
Josephine Matthews and Blanche Bowens visited Baptist Hill, Minnie Hughes, and Jane Edwards on April 5, 2021 to receive updates from principals.
- C. Richmond Truesdale spoke with Interim Principal Cindy Smalls at Minnie Hughes. Ms. Smalls shared concerns about absenteeism and choosing another principal.

Charles Glover joined meeting.

VII. Old Business:

No Old Business discussed.

VIII. New Business:

A. Board Priorities

Josephine Matthews raised concerns about the formation of committees in the District 23 area and Constituent Board member participation in these committees. Dwayne Mazyck informed the Board of the following:

- Committees can be formed and access any public information as a regular citizen but are not privy to Constituent Board executive session items.
- Any Constituent Board members can also be a member of another committee, communicating to the school district as a public citizen. However, it is imperative that they should be speaking on behalf of as an individual, and not a member of the board.

IX. Executive Session:

Josephine Matthews moved, seconded by Richmond Truesdale, to enter Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0.

X. Open Session Reconvened

XI. Vote on Executive Session Items:

A. Student Transfer Applications

Josephine Matthews moved, with a second by Charles Glover, to approve requests 1 and 2 to transfer to Jane Edwards for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion passed 7-0.

XII. Announcements:

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XIII. Adjournment:

Josephine Matthews moved, seconded by Blanche Bowens, to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. Board chair adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Approved 5.4.21