

**ST. JAMES-SANTEE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

*of Charleston County, South Carolina*

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

St. James-Santee Elementary-Middle School

8900 U. S. Highway 17 North

McClellanville, South Carolina

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson  
Ms. Addie Campbell  
Ms. Chayann Simpson  
Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine  
Mr. Jamond Blake

**Members Absent:** Ms. Diane Geathers, Vice-Chairperson  
Ms. Shirley Mitchell-Collenton

**Others Present:** Ms. Beverly Holt-Pilkey, Executive Director, Department of Exceptional  
Children, District 1 Liaison  
Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, Associate Superintendent of High Schools  
Ms. LaCarma Brown-McMillan, Principal, St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle  
Ms. Tanya Meetze, Constituent Board Manager

I. Meeting call to order

Mr. Thomas Colleton, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. A quorum was established at 5:46 pm.

II. Welcome, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Colleton opened the meeting with a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Addie Campbell made the motion, and Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Visitors

Ms. Linda Ballinger, Student Support Services, presented information regarding the ADAPT program and shared flyers with all board members. Ms. Ballinger said she would provide a copy of the slide deck to all board members.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Colleton requested a correction be made to the February 27, 2024 minutes before approval.

VII. Constituent District 1 Liaison Reports

A. Blue Ribbon Commission Update – Dr. Eppelsheimer, gave a brief report with the following highlights.

1. The Blue Ribbon Committee met in February, and the survey results showed interest in the following areas, listed by priority: 1) Agriculture, 2) Informational Technology, and 3) Aquaculture.

B. Early Childhood Program Updates - Ms. Beverly Holt-Pilkey, Executive Director, Department of Exceptional Children, District 1 Liaison

1. Enrollment: 24 in Early Head Start and 17 in Head Start. There is 1 child on the Head Start waitlist and 8 children on the Early Head Start waitlist (2 are over income)
2. Curriculum: Finishing up Balls Study, transitioning into Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
3. Vacancies: none

C. Charleston County School District News/Updates -Ms. Beverly Holt-Pilkey, Executive Director, Department of Exceptional Children, District 1 Liaison

- Friday, March 29, is a half-day for students.
- Spring Break begins Monday, April 8.
- Cognia visited CCSD for district accreditation last week.
- The CCSD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the adoption of textbooks for ELA, AP Comp & Language, Handwriting, AP Modern World History, AP Psychology, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, and AP Physics.

D. St. James-Santee Elementary/Middle School Updates

Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine and Ms. Addie Campbell shared the following:

1. The school recently completed the monthly food drive.
2. A 5th-grade scholar participated in the Sewee Outreach Center Program.
3. A middle school scholar recently visited the power plant.
4. A group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 8th-grade scholars recently visited the International African American History Museum.
5. The recent Science Fair was successful.

E. Wando High School Updates

Ms. Chayann Simpson and Mr. Jamond Blake gave the following update concerning Wando High School

1. Wando held their prom last weekend.

2. Parents are reminded to check Power School for grades.

3. Wando's newsletter featured a parent support group for substance abuse.

VIII. Chairperson's Report

Mr. Colleton stressed the importance of parents being aware of the textbook choices and consent. Mr. Colleton asked if the MOU's for Charleston Center and the MUSC Family Tree/Empower programs are available in the public domain.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

The Board approved the meeting calendar for next year.

XI. Adjournment:

With no further business, Mr. Colleton asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Addie Campbell made the motion, and Ms. Marie Snyder-Facine seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

*Approved 06.04.2024*