

St. Paul's Constituent District 23 Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Baptist Hill High Media Center
5117 Baptist Hill Road, Hollywood, SC
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Rev. Charles Glover, Ms. Josephine Matthews, Ms. Blanche Bowens, Ms. Tiffany Deas-Small, Ms. Brenda Bowman, and Ms. Francina Nelson.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Ms. Matthews.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Deas-Small moved to amend the agenda to include a presentation from Planning and Real Estate, with a second by Ms. Bowman. Motion passed 5-0.

III. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Deas-Small to approve minutes from the April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comments

The Board members made a Special Recognition of a plaque to Ms. Edna Jenkins for her dedicated service as a D23 area bus driver for over 40 years.

School Updates:

Minnie Hughes- Asland Temoney

- Working to recruit and fill staff vacancies with high-quality teachers.
- Partnered with BHMHS-Stronger Practice-Restorative Practices partnership and community outreach opportunities.
- Hosted Saturday school focused on testing practice
- Planning a Summer Camp focused on reading
- STEM Camp at the Citadel
- Kindergarten and 5th-grade promotion ceremonies are on June 5
- Ms. Temoney is the D23 Star principal of the year

Jane Edwards- Jamaloh Logan

- Preparing for SC Ready and iReady testing
- June 4 -Awards Day
- June 5 -Field Day
- June 6 -Promotion Ceremonies
- Pleased the new weighted formula will provide a full-time School counselor

Ellington- James Dallas

- Noted their discipline rates are down more than 60% due to his focus on building relationships and improved classroom management
- Celebrating students to encourage best work for testing season
- Noted the weighted student formula allocations will allow adding a STEM program teacher and a half-time MLL Teacher. Will be Implementing the “Ron Clark” House System. Several faculty members and a few parents will be traveling to visit the Ron Clark Academy in June.
- Added a “Dr. Author Holmes” leadership award to the 8th grade promotion ceremony
- Greatly appreciates the D23 Collaborative with the other D23 schools

BHMHS- Mr. Jason Drayton

- Shared highlights of his first year as principal. He noted some employee transition, testing timeline changes, and 4th quarter push for staff and students to end the year well. He focused on faculty and student awareness of how student achievement (spring testing) impacts the school report card results
- Focused on ensuring all staff are trained in Restorative Practice
- Noted the additional positions to come because of new allocations through the weighted formula
- Celebrated the BHMHS Soccer Team for making the State Playoff for the first time in history of the school
- May 25- Senior Night
- June 5 Baccalaureate Program - St. Luke AME Church, Hollywood, SC
- June 7- BHMS Graduation, 8 am at NC PAC
- June 8- 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

District Presentation

Angela Barnett, Director of Planning and Real Estate (P&RE), and Heather Sluder, project manager, shared a [slide presentation on District 23: Rezoning of Schools](#). Ms. Sluder explained each slide with detail. In conclusion, the bulk of the board questions related to affordable housing opportunities for teachers, school staff, and other essential student workers and how city and county zoning impacts community development. Six rezoning options were presented which would impact from 13 to 129 students. Next Steps: The D23 board to review the options and determine how they wish to proceed. If they wish to proceed, then establish and share a community engagement timeline with the R&RE department. Lastly the board will vote on the best option after hosting the community engagement sessions.

A motion was made by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Matthews to go into Executive session.

V. Executive Session

A. Student Discipline Hearings (2)

23.20.24 Infraction: 520: Simple Assault

23.21.24 Infraction: 380: Probation Violation, 270 Refusal to obey, 020 Major Disruption

B. School Transfers (6)

A motion was made by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Deas-Small to return to Open Session.

VI. Open Session Reconvened

VII. Vote on Executive Session Items (Action)

A. Discipline Hearings

23.20.24 - Student left- Board agreed to reschedule the hearing.

23.21.24 - A motion was made by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Nelson, in lieu of expulsion, to assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 30 school days and place the student on district probation for the remainder of the school year. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Transfers - A motion was made by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Deas-Small to approve all 6 transfer requests. Motion passed 6-0.

VIII. District Updates

Ms. Robin Jones shared the following:

- Three Top 5 Teacher of Year candidates were announced (Julia Royal-WAHS, McKenna Hakanson-NCCS, David Bonnezi-CPES)
- CCSD Leadership Announcements (Luke Clamp- Deputy Superintendent, Toya Hampton-Staff Attorney)
- May 3- School Choice application decisions deadline to accept
- May 4 District Nautical Ball-Teacher of Year Gala Held
- May 6-10 - Educator Appreciation Week.
- May 8- School Nurse Day
- May 13/ 20 -Board of Trustees COW/ Regular Meeting
- May 16 -CCSD Job Fair Virtual Event:
- May 23- Retirement Banquet
- May 30- Student, Parent & Community Engagement Meeting
- June 12- CCSD In-Person Job Fair

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.