

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

St. John's High School – Room A-118

1518 Main Road, Johns Island, SC

Board Members Present: Board Chair – Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, Pat Cline, Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer, Leon Green, Monica Smith, JeRai Green, Esq., Jeff Fine

Proceedings:

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

The board meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Karen Simmons-Palmer.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

Pat Cline moved, with a second by JeRai Green, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 6-0.

III. Approval of Minutes:

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Pat Cline moved, with a second by Gertie Smalls-Ford, to approve the meeting minutes with corrections. The motion passed 6-0.

IV. Visitors/Public Comments:

John Reork – Child Advocacy Network

Kiva Sanders – Recognized for assisting with volleyball.

V. Chromebook Distribution:

Chromebooks were distributed to board members for use at board meetings.

VI. Executive Session

VII. Open Session Reconvened

VIII. Vote on Executive Session Items

IX. Constituent Board Report:

A. Updates from Rev. Gertie Smalls-Ford, District 9 Constituent Board Chair –

Clarified censuring. The board can censure on board decorum. The censure for Mr. Fine was for two meetings he attended. Ms. Watson-Bell gave the definition of decorum based on Robert's Rules of Order.

Constituent Board Training is rescheduled for now. St. John's hired Eric Brown as the football coach.

Moment of silence for a former student at St. John's and former CCSD employee. See Coffee Talk dates on Flyer to meet with Superintendent Huggins.

Chair update with Supt. Huggins – Ms. Huggins gave an update on weighted student funding and accreditation. 100% of market value means that employees will be compensated at the same or similar rates of pay to those who perform similar jobs in other sectors in our region. There has not yet been a determination on whether the center will or will not include a HeadStart/early HeadStart component. Meal stipends of \$6/meeting have been included by the Office of Communications in the FY25 budget and will be paid at the rate of \$6/meeting along with the current meeting per diem. The Office of Communications has purchased Chromebooks using FY24 funds. They will be distributed soon by the Constituent Board Manager, Ms. Meetze. Citizens are not required to filter concerns through elected bodies, concerns should be directed to district officials. Naming - Policy FF allows naming requests to originate from community groups.

X. Constituent Board School Liaison Report

Haut Gap had an open house on August 15.

St. John's – Several construction projects in progress or recently completed. Open House is 9.5.24. Superintendent meet and greet is 9.19.24 at St. John's from 5-7 pm. Juice with Joyner is 9.26.24.

XI. District Updates:

Superintendent Designee – Susan Watson-Bell gave an update on the district. Back to School Bash is 8.26.24.

The Board of Trustees meeting is on 8.22.24; the next one is on 9.23.24. The Committee of the Whole meeting is 9.9.24.

XII. Old Business:

A. Football/Homecoming – Yes, St. John's will have a football team and homecoming.

B. Censure – The censure for Mr. Fine was for this meeting and the next meeting.

XIII. New Business:

A. Superintendent Visit to John's Island – Superintendent Huggins has coffee talks scheduled at coffee shops throughout the district and meet and greets at schools throughout the district to engage with the public and employees.

XIV. Announcements:

Quality Education Forum is 8.21.24. New PDP will be issued soon. DoSS was invited to D9 for community day. It was a wonderful service. Homegrown heroes were recognized. Baptist Hill students had over a million dollars in scholarships.

XV. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.