

**St. Paul's Constituent District 23 Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting Baptist Hill High Media Center**  
**5117 Baptist Hill Road, Hollywood, SC**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Ms. Josephine Matthews, Ms. Blanche Bowens, Ms. Francina Nelson, Tiffany Deas-Small, and Rev. Truesdale.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Mrs. Josephine Matthews.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Matthews moved, with a second by Ms. Nelson to adopt the agenda as written. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Nelson moved, with a second by Ms. Matthews to approve minutes from the September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

**IV. Public Comments**

Hollywood Councilwoman Michelle Heyward-Dunmeyer attended to express her gratitude for Ms. Matthew's years of dedication to public service. Mr. Marvin Bowens also wished Ms. Matthews well on her retirement from board service.

A motion was made by Mrs. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Nelson to go into Executive Session.

**V. Executive Session**

A. Discipline Hearings (2)

23.1.25 Infraction: 020 Major Disruption 3

23.2.25 Infraction: 020 Major Disruption 3

B. Readmit Hearing

R23.17.24

A motion was made by Rev. Truesdale, seconded by Ms. Nelson to return to Open Session.

**VI. Open Session Reconvened**

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

A. Discipline Hearing

23.1.25 - Board voted to assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum of 30 days. After returning to school, the student will be on board probation for the remainder of the school year.

23.2.25 - Board board voted unanimously to assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum of 30 days. After returning to school, the student will be placed on board probation for the remainder of the school year.

Student representative Marvin Bowens requested that his document be included with minutes as part of his defense. Mr. Bowens also wants it known that the board didn't provide him with the rules on how the hearing is to be conducted.

**B. Readmit Hearing**

R23.17.24 - Board voted to readmit the student. The parent expressed interest in the student applying to Clark Academy.

**VIII. District Updates**

Ms Robin Jones shared the following:

- Hurricane Closure Considerations and eLearning Options
- Two CCSD Schools recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools
- Shared information about District records double-digit improvement in Advanced Placement participation three years

**IX. Old Business**

- The CCSD Department of Student Support and Dr. Hughie hosted a mental health listening session on October 1 at Minnie Hughes Elementary.
- Ms. Matthews is retiring from the D23 board after 20 years of service. The County Board is invited to the October 5th retirement celebration at 4 pm at EB Ellington. New Business.
- The current BHMHS SRO, Officer Bourne, who was in attendance, announced she has resigned from her position with Charleston County PD ( to join the Berkeley County PD). Her last day of employment is October 10, 2024. Board members expressed concern about the potential delay in replacing Ms. Bourne and school safety with only one SRO on campus.
- Reverend Truesdale noted he believes tonight's constituent district board meeting was illegal because it was not posted at the school front entrance door at least 24 hours before the meeting, although it is posted on the district's website and at the district office building. He expressed concern that the school site posting requirement has been overlooked over the past year. *Ms. Jones contacted Vanessa Denney for information about posting requirements to share with board members. ( All CD Board meeting dates are publicly accessible and posted at the CCSD district office and on the CCSD website at least 24 hours before each meeting.)*

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.