

St. John's Constituent District 9 Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 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, Jeff Fine, Monica Smith, JeRai Green, Esq., Leon Green

Proceedings:

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

The board meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Dr. Karen Simmons-Palmer.

II. Adoption of Agenda:

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

IV. Public Comments:

Principal Jermaine Joyner – Spoke regarding comments made by board member Jeff Fine on 9.17.24.

Gertie Smalls-Ford left the meeting.

JeRai' Green entered the meeting.

V. Executive Session:

Monica Simmons moved, with a second by Pat Cline, to move into Executive Session. The motion passed 6-0.

A. Discipline Hearings

9.3.25 Infraction: (020) Major Disruption 3rd Level

VI. Open Session Reconvened

Karen Simmons-Palmer moved, with a second by Jeff Fine, to move into Open Session. The motion passed 6-0.

VII. Vote on Executive Session Items (Action)

A. Discipline Hearings

9.3.25 – Leon Green moved, with a second by Jeff Fine, to return the student to school on probation for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. The motion passed 6-0.

VIII. Constituent Board Report:

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

IX. Constituent Board School Liaison Report

St. John's – Fiesta is after Superintendent Huggins Meet & Greet. \$13,000 was raised for homecoming. The dance is on 10.17.24 and the parade is on Friday. There were some concerns with the high school's lack of affiliation with the parade committee. The Sheriff's office would have covered the parade without the cost. The school should look into Rev Credit Union as a business partner.

Frierson – Has gone from unsatisfactory to an excellent rating. Pastries for Parents 10.15.24. Spirit Day 10.18.24. Literacy night and PTA Trunk or Treat 10.23.24.

Mt. Zion – Fiesta on the lawn at Angel Oak was 10.12.24. Fall Harvest for Headstart 10.25.24. Coffee with the Principal 10.25.24. Character parade and Food truck 10.25.24. PTO. Blu Oyster percentage night 11.13.24.
Haut Gap – PSAT Test 10.15.24. Fall Festival 10.18.24. 8th Grade field trip to Sullivan’s Island 10.11.24.

X. District Updates:

Superintendent Designee, James Lynch gave district updates. Board of Trustees meeting 10.28.24. Schools are closed, but offices are open on 11.5.24. Committee of the Whole 11.11.24.

XI. Old Business:

XII. New Business:

Board Member Jeff Fine submitted his resignation, position will be posted.

XIII. Announcements:

XIV. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.