

St. Coletta Special Education Public Charter School

Seeing possibilities beyond disabilities

Board Meeting
June 4, 2025
6:30 pm
In person and Virtual
Draft Meeting Minutes

Welcome, call, and call to order at 6:32 PM

In Person- Shanta Bryant, Chip Henstenburg, and Josh Lewis.

Virtual- Carla Ware-Easterling and Janel Brown. Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

F. Campbell and F. Slaughter were not in attendance.

Approval of the minutes for the previous board meeting

Board members present reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from the March 12, 2025, meeting at 6:34 PM.

Period of open comment and questions from members of the public

Members of the public in attendance- Eileen Huai, current member of the St Coletta team, joined the meeting and commented on the work she and her team do in the building. She stated that children with disabilities require behavior plans if they have issues with behaviors, that she and her team provide their whole hearts to meet the needs of the children who attend the school, and that the curriculum department is seeking continued efforts to support making strides for the education of the children attending the school.

The State of the School: Highlights and Challenges since the last board meeting in September

Headlines from School—Amy Warden, Principal

IEP goal progress will be available in July 2025. Reports from the Special Education Team indicate that the goals are on track this year.



Parent involvement goal is currently 30%, striving for 70% parent involvement by the end of July 2025.

Vocational skill development and task analysis assessment is currently taking place and should be completed by the end of June 2025.

Attendance rate is currently at 83.8% for the school year.

Graduation rate, IEP goal progress will be assessed at the end of the school year.

Internal school improvement goal, increase of numeracy and literacy assessments utilizing data to include in IEP. Increase therapy goals by collaborating with teachers. The new BCBA is designing training courses to improve participation rates.

Amy and her team currently analyzing intent to return data (for school staff) to determine needs for the next school year. Lottery for the next school year was held on May 15th; 25 slots were opened up. Continued efforts to seek additional teachers and staff for the upcoming school year with ongoing interviews instituted.

One State complaint regarding transportation services that were not provided to a student due to safety concerns on the bus. St. Coletta will provide compensatory education services for time missed during this lag in transportation services.

One In School Suspension was reported for this quarter.

Graduation is scheduled for July 18, 2025

Additional comments—Mike Rodrigues, CEO-

Mike highlighted the current financials, noting increases such as the cost for 16 additional dedicated aides this year (adding approximately one million dollars in additional costs).

Budget

The Mayor's budget has been released but it will be late July at the earliest before we know the final funding for the school and whether supplemental funding will be provided.

A possible draft budget was presented – one which assumes no supplemental funding – and it would have a deficit of \$1.98 million. The board did not vote on a budget. That will be done at the July meeting, or at a special meeting later in July.

Updated Strategic Plan



Mike highlighted some of the year three successes from the current strategic plan. He then presented a high level overview of the St Coletta of Greater Washington Strategic Plan for FY 26 - FY 29 and discussed a few of the objectives under the five strategies for success (quality, team, service growth, recognition and infrastructure). These objectives include: establishing and nurturing internship programs with at least two colleges or universities; schedule quarterly leadership meetings; continuing to develop as a team; improving the organization internally; and reinvesting in external affairs.

Other business

A motion was made to extend the board term of Shanta Bryant for two years. All present Board Members approved the motion to extend the term for Shanta Bryant for two years expiring in 2027.

Call to adjourn public meeting

A motion was made to end the public meeting at 7:57 PM with all members participating in agreement.

The meeting minutes from this session will be reviewed during the next scheduled St. Coletta Public Charter School Board meeting on July 09, 2025, at 6:30 PM.



Carla Ware-Easterling

Secretary for the St. Coletta Public Charter School Board and Parent Representative

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