

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

December 14, 2023 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

Meeting Minutes

Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option due to COVID-19:

Dial-in Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665

advertised on the School Website as well.

Call to Order - @ 5:30 pm by Chairman - Tony Lee

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Board members in attendance - Chairman - Tony Lee, Members - Chris Weathersby and Erwin Thomas. School Leader Ginger Almon and CFO - Lori Wilson. Board Members - Patricia Goodman and Russell Nuti were not present at the meeting.

Approval of November Minutes - Motion made to approve by Erwin Thomas and seconded by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor.

Approval of December Agenda - Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby and seconded by Erwin Thomas, all were in favor.

Recite the current SGSC Mission Statement

SGSC will provide distinguished and integrated instruction in an environment that cultivates respect, is inclusive of all, and lays the foundation for excellence and life-long learning.

Public Comment - None

School Liaison (Ms. Fincher) - None

School Leader's Report - Information Items

Athletics Information - Information Item - Varsity Basketball is playing in a Christmas Tournament at Abbeville Christian Academy in Abbeville, AL over the Christmas Break. Middle School Basketball is looking to add more games since their season was cut short due to cancellations throughout their season.

Upcoming Events - Information Item - American Fidelity will be feeding the staff for Christmas Lunch.

Enrollment Summary - Information Item - 509 of this number 32.61% are non-white.

Update of testing and end of semester items - Information Item - We have just completed the middle of the year test, midterms for middle school and finals for high school classes. A large "BRAG BOARD" was placed in the hallway for the Aggie Achievers to brag about how they have improved since the first of the year according to the MAP Testing for reading and math and the Progress Learning Assessments for Social Studies and Science.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

Approval of November Financial Report - Action Item - Motion made to approve by Erwin Thomas and seconded by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor. The General fund reports ending in November 2023 were reviewed. The school is 41.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 43.66%. Expenditures total at 43.60%. The total fund equity for November 2023 is \$4,113,576.65. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased by \$21,181.86 when compared to October 2023.

o Cash Flow - The monthly cash flow variance for November 2023 is \$46,457.46.

Approval of the November School Food Report - Action Item - Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby and seconded by Erwin Thomas, all were in favor. The school nutrition fund for November 2023 was reviewed. The revenues total to 40.85%. \$17,073.07 of the revenue is the supply chain assistance grant. The expenditures total at 44.29%. The fund equity total is \$427,480.33. The fund equity increased by \$951.56 when compared to October.

Athletic Stipends - Action Item - Motion made to approve by Erwin Thomas and seconded by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor. The stipend changes will take effect beginning Spring 2024.

CPF Point Calculation at this time - Information Item - The Comprehensive Performance Frameworks Score Prediction was reviewed. Based on the SCSC monitoring results, the CPF score is a 95 due to enrollment variance. There were no major changes in any of the CPF calculations for the month of November. The score remains at 95.

ARP ESSER III Update/Input - Information Item - Esser carryover has dropped and is ready to be re-budgeted. As soon as the budget is approved in the consolidated application, funds can be drawn down. The State Facility Grant will be used for maintenance and repairs on campus. This grant should be ready to draw down after the first of the year as well.

Governance - Action and Information Items

Expansion of school grounds (update) - Information Item - Getting quotes for 14 class room pods. The companies are working on a turnkey price for comparison to building at this time. Hoyt has surveyed and everything is moving forward.

Hiring of School Resource Officer - Action Item - Kyle Motion made to approve hiring of Kyle Williams as a Security Officer until training is completed to go ahead and have him on staff. This contract will be through the end of this school year. Motion made to offer contract to Kyle Williams for the remainder of the school year by Erwin Thomas and seconded by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor.

Required Board Training - Information Item - Russell Nuti is still in need of taking the in person training. All members are in need of the 2nd phase that is online training.

Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Information Item - Tonight the board office discuss #2 - Performance Standard 2: School - SCHOOL CLIMATE. The leader promotes the success of all students by developing, advocating, and sustaining an academically rigorous, positive, and safe school climate for all stakeholders. All Stakeholders agree School Leader Almon always goes above and beyond to make sure that all students, family and friends are welcome and that their input is always welcomed to make SGSC great for our staff and students.

Next on the agenda would be executive session at this time a motion made to enter into executive session by Erwin Thomas and seconded by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor.

Executive Session - Consider the requested tribunal appeals - entered executive session at 5:57 pm.

Motion made to enter into executive session made by Erwin Thomas and seconded by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor.

Returned from executive session @ 7:52 pm -

Motion made by Chris Weathersby in Tribunal Appeal #1 - to uphold the decision made by the tribunal hearing officer and tribunal panel, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor.

Motion made by Chris Weathersby in Tribunal Appeal #2 - to uphold the decision made by the tribunal hearing officer and tribunal panel, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor.

Adjourn Meeting - Motion made to adjourn the board meeting by Chris Weathersby and seconded by Erwin Thomas, all were in favor. Adjourned @ 7:58 pm.