

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2023 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

Board 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 – 5:33 p.m. by Chairman – Tony Lee

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present – Chairman- Tony Lee, Vice-Chair - Chris Weathersby, Erwin Thomas, -Board Member, Ginger Almon – School Leader, Lori Wilson – CFO, and via call in Russell Nuti and Patricia Goodman – Board Members. Guest present Kim Crowdis - SGSC , Instructional Coach and Curtis Simpson - Community Member.

Approval of September Minutes – Motion to approve the September minutes made by Erwin Thonas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor.

Approval of October Agenda – Motion to approve the October agenda made by Erwin Thonas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby, 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 – There is an away football game tonight. There will be a track meet on Monday. Bass Fishing will be happening this weekend along with the last home game on the 25th @ 5 p.m. and this will also be senior night.
- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item – Our upcoming events Red Ribbon Week, We are having the PSAT for the 10th grade and the SAT for the 11th and 12th grade. Next Friday and the following Monday the Pumpkin carving man will be here at school. On Halloween, we will be having trick or treating for the Pre-K through the 2nd grade. There will be a PBIS celebration and a Blood Drive on the 31st. We are also currently working on the Fall Festival that will be held on November 9th.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - We are currently at 261 males and 259 females. This is with a 32.31% non white enrollment.

Academic - Information Items

- **Adoption of Math Program** - Informational Item - Kim Crowdis, instructional coach, came to talk to the board about the 5 math programs that we are looking at to see what would be best for our school. We are comparing and contrasting all of the programs. The data is focused on the 3rd, 5th, and 8th grades. We are also looking to make sure that there is a scope and sequence through the early grades - all the way to the high

school. Administration will be looking at the positives and the negatives of all of the programs. The programs, once overviews have been completed, will be presented to the teachers for them to talk and discuss and ultimately choose a math program to purchase for the 24-25 school year.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of September Financial Report** - Action Item - Motion to approve made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all were in favor. The General fund reports ending in August 2023 were reviewed. The school is 25.0% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 26.32%. Expenditures total at 25.50%. The total fund equity for September 2023 is \$3,942,320.52. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased by \$101,276.71 when compared to August 2023.
 - Cash Flow- The monthly cash flow for September 2023 is \$40,900.69.
- **Approval of the September School Food Report** - Action Item - Motion to approve the September School food report made by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all were in favor. The school nutrition fund for September 2023 was reviewed. The revenues total to 20.59%. The expenditures total at 22.22%. The fund equity total is \$389,990.37.
 - Approval of the Wellness Policy for Nutrition - Motion to approve the Wellness Policy for Nutrition made by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor.
- **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 September. The score remains at 95.
- **Mauldin and Jenkins** - Information Item - The CFO is waiting to receive the audit report but has been informed that the audit is complete with no findings.
- **ARP ESSER III Update/Input** - Information Item - There is no new information at this time.
- **Gas Card Policy** - Action Item - Motion to approve made by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all were in favor.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item – a new NEWP has been ordered on the adjoining land purchase, results are waiting.
- **Approval of Resignation-** Action Item - Patty Holmes - Special Education paraprofessional put in his resignation. Motion to approve made by Chris Weathersby 2nd Erwin Thomas, all were in favor.
- **Approval of New Hires-** Action Item - 2 special education paraprofessionals Jaden Hanks and Linda Denning. Motion to approve the hiring made by Chris Weathersby, and 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all were in favor.
- **Required Board Training** - Informational Item - each board member has been registered, but Russell Nuti. He will be taking the class at another time.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item – Tonight focus is on LKES #8 Fact Sheet #8- **Performance Standard 8:**

Communication and Community Relations The leader fosters the success of all students by communicating and collaborating effectively with stakeholders. Chairman Lee states that school leader Almon works well in the community and communicates the needs, desires and wants of the school and the school board. The board is pleased with her representation of the school on a daily basis.

Adjourn Meeting – 7:01 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by , Chris Weathersby,2nd by Erwin Thomas, all were in favor.