

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

May 18th, 2023 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

MINUTES

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

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

advertised on School Website as well.

Call to Order - @ 6:09 pm by Tony Lee, Board Chairman

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

Approval of April Minutes - Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in Favor - Yes

Approval of May Agenda - Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in Favor - Yes

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) - No feedback at this time

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Athletics Information (Ben Crowdis)** - Information Item- Mr. Crowdis made a list of athletic needs consisting of staining bleachers and making room for football locker rooms in the field house. Football gear has been ordered and on the way. The football players have completed their physicals.
- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item- Field Day and Water Day is coming up on May 19th, AR field trip on May 22nd, Honor's Day on May 23rd, the last day of school for students will be May 25th, and the Teacher's post planning day is May 26th.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item- The Enrollment Estimate was due to the SCSC on May 17th. Based on the numbers enrolled for next year, 511 was submitted.

Academic - Information Items

- **None at this time** - Information Item- Milestones Data presentation at June Meeting.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of March Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion made to approve by: Erwin Thomas, 2nd by: Chris Weatherby , all in Favor - Yes.- The General fund was reviewed. The school is 83.33% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 86.86%. Expenditures total at 81.29%. The total fund equity for April is \$3,537,585.23. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased by \$1,299,408.88 when compared to July 2022.
 - Cash Flow- The monthly cash flow for July through March shows that the total variance is \$97,117.33. The monthly cash flow does not include drawdowns for the month of April in this month's calculation.
- **Approval of the March School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion made to approve by: Erwin Thomas, 2nd by: Chris Weathersby , all in Favor - Yes.- The school nutrition fund was reviewed. The revenues total to 82.80%. The expenditures total at 92.09%. The fund equity total is \$349,282.52.
- **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 April.
- **ARP ESSER III Update/Input** - Information Item- The fence operator purchase was approved by GADOE.

- **FY 2024 Proposed Budget-** Action Item- Motion made to approve by: Chris Weathersby, 2nd by: Erwin Thomas, all in Favor - Yes. The Board approved to move forward with the public hearings for the FY 2024 Budget.
- **FY 2024 Local Salary Scale** - Action Item- Motion made to approve by: Erwin Thomas, 2nd by: Chris Weathersby , all in Favor - Yes. The Board approved the fy 2024 salary scale increase for paraprofessionals, school food nutrition, and bus drivers. This is a 5.1% increase.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item- The Board discussed the purchase of the adjoining acres of land. The transaction is complete. We are waiting to receive the recorded Deed before ordering an environmental assessment.
- **Approve Federal Programs Handbook** - Action Item
Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby , 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in Favor - Yes
- **Approve new hires for the 23-24 school year** - Action Item
The Board voted to approve Rebecca English as a new hire for 4th grade math and Toni Avera for Reading Interventionist, Becky Peachey for Math Interventionist, and Katy Jackson for 2nd Grade.- Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby , 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in Favor - Yes
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
The Board discussed Ginger Almon's performance related to Standard 4 - Organizational Management and determined that she is adhering to all guidelines.

Adjourn Meeting - Motion made to adjourn by Chris Weathersby at 6:17 , 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in Favor - Yes.