

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

April 17, 2025, 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 the School Website as well.

Call to Order : Call to order made by Chairman Lee @ 5:36 pm

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Board members present were: Chairman Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Erwin Thomas, Patricia Goodman called in. School Leader Ginger Almon and CFO Lori Wilson were present. Board Member not Present - Sherri Cartwright.

Approval of March Minutes - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in Favor.

Approval of April Agenda - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All 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

Upcoming Events - Information Item - 4/25 is Field day and on 5/1 will start testing beginning with American Literature. 5/5 will begin Georgia Milestones testing for the remainder of the grade levels - 3rd-8th. The board was represented with a list of all of the upcoming items.

Enrollment Summary - Information Item - 519 students. 31.02% non-white

Academic Report - Information Item

Review CCRPI Single Score Summary and Comparison - Information Item - SGSC's individual CCRPI score is 73.9. We have continued to increase every year. We are higher than most schools around. The graduation rate is our problem area and we are working to increase this rate. The board was presented with a comparison of all local schools single CCRPI score.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

Approval of March Financial Report -- Action Item - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas 2nd, by Chris Weathersby- All in Favor. The General fund reports ending in March 2025 were reviewed. The school is 75% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 79%. Expenditures total at 74.48%. The total fund equity for March 2025 is \$2,534,538.46. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased in the month of March. The decrease is due to the disbursement of local supplements.

o Cash Flow - The general fund monthly actual cash flow for March 2025 is \$87,281.97 for the general fund less the building acquisition expenditures.

Approval of the March School Food Report -- Action Item - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in Favor. The school nutrition fund for March 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 81.03%. The expenditures total at 67.23%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$643,743.49.

CPF Point Calculation at this time - Information Item - Based on the SCSC monitoring results, the CPF score is 85 due to enrollment variance. SGSC is deducted 15 points. There were no major changes in any of the CPF calculations for the month of March 2025.

Approval of FY25 Auditor - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in Favor - The board has approved using Mauldin & Jenkins for FY2025 Audit and Financials pending they are on the list of approved auditors issued from the SCSC.

Governance - Action and Information Items

FY25 Governance Training - Information Item - Patricia is in the process of completing and Sherri is scheduled to complete hers. All other members are complete.

Orchard Next Steps - Information Item - waiting on confirmation that the Georgia Forestry team will come out in May to view the orchard.

Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES -- Information Item - The leader fosters the success of all students by facilitating the development, communication, implementation, and evaluation of a shared vision of teaching and learning that leads to school improvement.

Adjourn Meeting - 5:52 pm - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas 2nd by Chris Weathersby- All in Favor.

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