

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

November 21, 2024, 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 @ 5:33 p.m.

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - In attendance Chairman Tony Lee, Board Members - Erwin Thomas, Sherri Cartwright, Chris Weathersby, Patricia Goodman and School CFO Lori Wilson.

Approval of October Minutes Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - all in favor

Motion To amend the November Agenda to add Attendance to the Academics -Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - all in favor

Approval of amended agenda Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - 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 - canned food drive for Thanksgiving by the FFA, Thanksgiving break, coming back from break for MAP testing.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - total of students at 523 with a 31.17% non-white.
- **2025 Graduation** - Information Item - Last year we spent around 1500 for stage and seating for graduation and still had to move to the gym due to weather. Andrew College has offered us the use of their facilities for a much lower price. All board members think that this is a wonderful idea.

Academic - Information Items

- **Literacy Observations**- Information Item - We had an outside observer from Chatt Flint RESA come to the school to observe the current literacy practices that we have implemented this year in regards to House Bill 538. She was very complimentary of our practices and actually said that she wished she could invite other teachers to come and observe what we are doing. That was a huge compliment. This was for grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade. .
- **Math Leader School**- Information Item - We would like to congratulate Mrs. Busby and Mr. Gay on their phenomenal job working with our students, We are now a math leader school based on the vast improvements of the students! This is a major accomplishment!!
- **Upcoming Assessments**- Information Item - MAP testing for mid year data will be completed when we return from Thanksgiving.
- **Attendance** - Information item - There is a need at the high school level to hold the students accountable for the amount of seat time that they are missing. We feel that regardless if their absence is excused or not - anything after day 10 missing in a class; SGSC should require the student to make up the missing seat time from class. The policy will be brought to the next Board meeting for approval.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of October Financial Report** - Action Item -Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman , 2nd by - all in favor Erwin Thomas - all in favor-The General fund reports ending in October 2024 were reviewed. The school is 33.33% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 33.93%. Expenditures total at 38.4%. The total fund equity for September 2024 is \$3,234,417.20. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased by

\$14,828.27 in the month of October. The small increase is due to the building acquisition expenditures.

- Cash Flow- The general fund monthly cash flow variance for October 2024 is \$57,533.89 for the general fund less the building acquisition expenditures.
- **Approval of the October School Food Report** - Action Item -Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by - Patricia Goodman - all in favor. The school nutrition fund for October 2024 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 35.14%. The expenditures total at 30%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$586,891.00.
- **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 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 October 2024.
- **FY 2024 Audit** - Information Item- The audit has been reviewed. The FY 2024 audit is clear of any findings.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item - Erwin stated that he was highly upset with the walk through that was completed. He requested a new punch list walk through. He asked how much we still owe and it is \$66,000. He recommended holding this amount until all areas are completed and approved. Tony Lee stated that he would be contacting Randy to talk about these issues.
- **Paving at the new Middle/High Building** - Action Item - There are two options on the table. Option 1 is to halfway complete the project and option 2 is to complete the project. Excess runoff water has now become an issue and the board decided to table both options until an engineer comes and gives their recommendations on what to do to correct and move forward. Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor
- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item - Board members have been given the different dates in February and April and have been asked to let Ginger and Lori know which they will attend.
- **SCSC Renewal Update** - Information Item - Extension for all schools until January 8th in order for the SCSC to send all of the needed information to schools.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item - LKES Standard 5: The Leader fosters effective human resources management through the selection, induction, support, and retention of quality instructional and support personnel. Everyone on the board is pleased with School Leader

Adjourn Meeting - @ 6:22 Motion to adjourn by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright- all in favor