

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

October 17, 2024, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

Board 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 by Chairman Lee

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - In attendance Chairman Tony Lee, Board Members - ErwinThomas, Sherri Cartwright, Chris Weathersby and School Leader Ginger Almon. Board Member not present: Patricia Goodman

Approval of September Minutes - Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor

Approval of October 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) - no reports

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item - This week is homecoming week. Our game will be Friday with the dance on Saturday. Basketball tryouts are being held this week for middle/high school teams. Tessa Bell will be coaching the girls teams and Coach Jerrell Nelson will be coaching the boys teams. Jostens met with the seniors about caps and gowns today. On the 24th there will be a staff meeting to talk about the new building and give all staff updates.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - 524, with a 31.3% nonwhite
- **FTE Update** - Information Item - This is taken twice a year. Heather Page is working on this and it has to be submitted by the 31st of October.

Academic Information Items

- **Reviewing the Requirements for SCSC in Academics** - Information Item - There have been a few changes with CPF. There are now 5 areas that will be looked at and we are compared to more schools. This is an information only piece.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of September Financial Report** - Action Item Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - all in favor- The General fund reports ending in September 2024 were reviewed. The school is 25.00% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 25.85%. Expenditures total at 31.88%. 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 decreased by \$781,193.78 in the month of September. The

decrease is due to the building acquisition expenditures.

o Cash Flow - The general fund monthly cash flow variance for September 2024 is \$84,722.43 for the general fund less the building acquisition expenditures.

- **Approval of the September School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Ervin Thomas - all in favor- The school nutrition fund for September 2024 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 23.12%. The expenditures total at 22.37%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$528,548.86.
- **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 September 2024.
- **Audit Update** - Action Item - Request to amend the agenda to add adjusting the budget for the variance in instruction, pupil services, and maintenance of operations by CFO Lori Wilson - Motion to approve amending the agenda by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Ervin Thomas - all in favor.
 - FY24 Budget Adjustment to make adjustments based on recommendations of the auditors to a variance in instruction, pupil services, and maintenance of operations. Motion to approve Erwin Thomas 2nd by Sherri Cartwright.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item -call will be made to Mr. Randy on 10/18/2024 by school leader Almon to talk about the issues concerning the roofline of the modular unit being constructed on campus.
- **Paving at the new Middle/High Building** - Information Item - met about the paving of the new parking lot and the driveway around the school. We will be taking sealed bids for this job. It must be posted for 15 days. This should be posted within the next week or so.
- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item - recurring on the agenda. Nothing new has been posted
- **SCSC Visits** - Information Item - Health and safety visits. We were told of a few areas that we have to make changes to and send pictures as proof by next friday. There are three areas for ADA compliance with the cement, mulch in playground area, lock on nurses station frig, and school zone signs on road.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item - Performance Standard #3 - PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT The leader effectively gathers, analyzes, and uses a variety of data to inform planning and decision making consistent with established guidelines, policies, and procedures. School leader Almon does an excellent job with this. She keeps all stakeholders informed and is always prepared with data at all times.

Adjourn Meeting - - - **6:01 pm** - Motion to adjourn meeting by Chris Weathersby,, 2nd by Ervin Thomas - all in favor.