

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

August 21, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

MINUTES

Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option:

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

advertised on the School Website as well.

Call to Order at 5:30 pm by Tony Lee.

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

Approval of July Minutes - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor.

Approval of August Agenda - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 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
We will have the Lunch with a Loved One Day (grandparent's day) on September 8th. The Board members that are able, will be cooking over 1,000 burgers for families on this day. September 8th also kicks off Homecoming Week with dress up days and a PEP Rally on Friday the 12th. We will have the Junior Class Ring Ceremony on September 9th. The Homecoming game will be Friday, September 12th against Scintilla Charter School and the dance will be Saturday, September 13th at SGSC's auditorium from 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
We currently have 531 students enrolled with a 31% non-white population.

Academic - Information Items

- **Current State of Academics at SGSC** - Information Item
We are currently digging into the Beginning of the Year MAP scores and about to administer Amira for the dyslexia requirement for all K-3 students at the school. We will present the Middle of the Year MAP Growth to the board once we are able to show the growth from the beginning of the school year.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of July Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor. The General fund reports ending in July 2025 were reviewed. The school is 8.33% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 8.45%. Expenditures total at 8.40%. The total fund equity for July 2025 is \$2,887,330.45. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased. QBE was increased to cover SHBP increase and an additional social worker allocation.
 - Cash Flow-The general fund monthly actual cash flow for July 2025 is \$33,936.45 for the general fund. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were less than the amount budgeted.
- **Approval of the July School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor. The school nutrition fund for July 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 0%. The expenditures total at 7.47%. Fund equity for SFN decreased to \$607,867.49. There are no claims for July. This contributes to the decrease.
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time** - Information Item- The general fund monthly actual cash flow for July 2025 is \$33,936.45 for the general fund. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were less than the amount budgeted.

- **Cash Collection Procedures Annual Review-** Action Item- Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor. The Board reviewed the finance policy cash collection procedures and determined that no changes are needed at this time.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item
Governance Training Dates have been set. November 5-6 in Macon and February 11-12 in Atlanta. It appears that all members except Ms. Cartwright will attend the Macon training. Ms. Cartwright will attend the Atlanta training session. Once the portal opens for registration all members will be registered for their one day training since all are returning members and not new members.
- **Orchard Next Steps** - Information Item
We received word that we are good to move forward with projects because the trees have not been deemed as historical artifacts. We will continue to work toward funding for the Athletic Complex that will be made from that acreage purchased behind the fields.
- **SRO Discussion** - Information Item
The board agrees that we need to move forward with purchasing a police car for the school's police department. At this time, we do not have an active SRO. We are looking for the right fit for the position - particularly someone with previous SRO experience. We will continue to try to find a qualified candidate for the position.
- **Walkway from Middle/High School** - Information Item
We will begin to look into different options for the walkway that is needed from the middle high to the adjoining walkways to prevent students and staff from getting wet on days that it is raining.
- **Signing of the Conflict of Interest Statements** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor. There was no change to the Conflict of Interest statements - all members signed as they do annually.
- **New Hire Approval** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor. The Board approved to hire Ryan Dodrill for the middle grades science position. SGSC will put Mr. Dodrill through GTAPP to gain his certification. He will begin in December 2025.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
The board discussed Mrs. Almon's performance related to LKES Standard 7: Professionalism. The board agrees that Mrs. Almon fosters the success of students by demonstrating professional standards and ethics, engaging in continuous professional development, and contributing to the profession.

Adjourn Meeting - 5:43 pm Chairman Lee motioned for adjournment, - Motion to adjourn approved by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor.