

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting
August 15, 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 - Chairman Tony Lee called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Chairman Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Erwin Thomas, Sherri Cartwright and Patricia Goodman Lori Wilson - CFO, Courtney Greenway - Assistant Principal. Guests are Toni Avera and Mary Martha Ivey - staff of SGSC. Absent -School Leader Ginger Almon .

Approval of July Minutes - Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor

Approval of August Agenda - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - 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 - Sports schedules for the season have been given out. This shows the away and the home games for all sports active right now.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - right now we have 520 students in enrollment with 31.92% non-white students

Academic - *Information Items*

- **Review of Testing Updates** - Information Item - Schedule of testing dates for the benchmark assessments and end of course testing for the school year has been provided. Math scores from last year should be available next month.
- **Introduction of Early Literacy Act** - Information Item - Presentation given by Mary Martha Ivey and Tony Avera - Path to Literacy. This is in response to house bill 538. The way that we are implementing the new program is by using the UFLI program for grades K-5th- this will be new information to K-2 and remediation to grades 3-5. All K-5 teachers are also attending LETRS Training,

which is a 2 year program. This along with our MTSS process we will be able to catch all of the struggling learners early and be able to address the struggling learners.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of July Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor - **Board Member Erwin Thomas with all other board members in agreement that they would like to be provided additional financials to include a cash flow with and without the modular expenses to insure that we are in budget with the real expenses of the school.** The General fund reports ending in July 2024 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 8.59%. Expenditures total at 11.19%. The total fund equity for July 2024 is \$4,015,610.98. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased by \$376,352.81 in the month of July. The decrease is due to the building acquisition expenditures in July that total \$604,337.
 - Cash Flow -The general fund monthly cash flow variance for July 2024 is \$219,469.41.
- **Approval of the July School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - all in favor - The school nutrition fund for July 2024 was reviewed. There are no revenues for the month of July because there are no student meal claims in July. The expenditures total at 2.0% because of start up food purchases and SFN salaries for the month of July.
- **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 April 2024.
- **Facility Project Proposals-** Action Item - Modular Complex Expenditures- the finance policy states, "An exception shall also be made in emergency situations where normal school operations dictate that goods/services be acquired immediately and without Board approval." The facility expenditures are emergency expenditures. The school needs these completed to where the students and staff can utilize the modular unit for academic purposes as soon as possible. The Board was given the opportunity to approve the purchases, however, the services were not able to be listed on the Georgia Procurement Registry ahead of time.
 - Columbus Automatic Sprinkler (\$16,000) - Motion to approve made

contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Chris Weathersby and 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor.

- Tom Whatley Plumbing - (Building Connections - Estimate- 10) - \$11,700 - Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Chris Weathersby and 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor.
- Tom Whatley - (digging/running line to tap) - Under \$13,000- Verbal Agreement with Lori Wilson, CFO. Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Chris Weathersby and 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor.
- Datacom - Estimate 1975 - \$63,753 - Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Erwin Thomas and 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all in favor.
- Datacom - Estimate 1976 - \$35,749 - Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Erwin Thomas and 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all in favor.
- Datacom - Estimate 1996 - \$25,416.00 - Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Erwin Thomas and 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all in favor.
- Datacom - Estimate 1970 - \$65,471.00 - Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one

million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Erwin Thomas and 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all in favor.

- Wynn Pitts - Estimate number of 1997, \$56,150.12 as stated by Chairman Lee - Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Chris Weathersby and 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all in favor.
- City of Shellman - Estimate 1996 - Main line tap x 2 - Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Chris Weathersby and 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor.
- Alpha Tech - estimate 0654 - \$18,885- Fire Alarm System - Motion to approve made- contingent upon the following 4 items: no change in price, no changes made by the state as paper has been submitted for approval, proof of one million doors in liability insurance and signature of all parties on the performance guarantee paperwork between the company and the school by Chris Weathersby and 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item - Some of the 21 modular buildings have arrived to the campus. The set up crew will begin setting the buildings next week.
- **Upcoming Monitoring** - Information Item - There is an SCSC monitoring meeting that will be held on August 19th. This meeting will give attendees the information on when the monitoring will begin and how to access the portal.
- **Charter Renewal** - Information Item - The meeting for the charter renewal will be held on August 29th to discuss the steps for renewal.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item - ***INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP*** *The leader fosters the success of all students by facilitating the development, communication, implementation, and evaluation of a shared vision of learning that leads to school improvement.* - The board is very pleased with how School Leader Almon puts the success of the students and the teachers and is always transparent in the goals to continuously improve the school. She is dedicated to making sure that all are involved in the

success of the school.

Adjourn Meeting - 6:36 pm Motion made to adjourn by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor