

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors  
Meeting June 16, 2022 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC**

**AGENDA**

**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** - 5:31 p.m. called to order by Chairman, Tony Lee

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present** - By Phone are: Grant Ward, Board Member. In Person are: School Leader Ginger Almon, Chairman - Tony Lee Chris Weathersby, Erwin Thomas, CFO - Lori Wilson, Guest - By Phone is Gregg Stevens. Absent are: Patricia Goodman, Russell Nuti, and Lisa Jones

**Approval of May Minutes** - Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby, All were 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 School** - no comments

**Liaison (Ms. Fincher)** - no comments

**School Leader's Report - Information Items**

- **Recent Successes and Celebrations** - We have had 2 success weeks in the Summer Learning Program. Originally 90 students signed up but there has been an average of 55 Aggie Achievers in attendance. Credit Recovery Aggie Achievers are working towards the goals for each of them through Georgia Credit Recovery. The next success is that all positions have been filled at the school. We will have three of these that will enter the GTAPP Program through Chatt-Flint RESA. Next school year we will be moving to block scheduling and the students were excited about being able to choose their electives for the first time. We are currently working on the SIP/CLIP to finalize this for the school year. We have teachers that are currently involved in Leadership Training, Teacher Leader Academy, and Aspiring Principal Training.
- **Information Item Athletics Information (Mr. Crowdis) - Information Item** - The JJ Watts Grant was received and it has taken care of all the middle school football program needs. Helmets for High School is the major thing on the list to work on getting at this point. We were also approved for the Good Sports Grant which allows us to get items at a major discount in bulk. Spring Camp for basketball has started a few days a week. Spring camp for Football and Softball will start in the next week or so. We do have a wet bulb that will allow us to know how many breaks and what activities should be done based on the temperature.
- **Establish a School Police Department - Action Item** - Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All were in favor. The board has voted to begin the process of establishing a School Police Department at Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School to provide school safety for all staff and students. We will next begin the process of interviewing a School Resource Officer.
- **After School Program - Information Item** - A letter was received from a parent

requesting that the school start an after school program. After researching the areas that we serve, we have found that there are programs in most communities that have some type of afterschool program already in place that would be much more affordable to the parents than if we were to try to start one up. This is not a feasible option at this time (staffing, insurance, transportation, etc.).

- **Upcoming Governance and Finance Meetings - Information Item** - These meetings will be a little longer than normal. We will be going over new and changing policies in many different areas. This meeting will be on July 18th with the board meeting on July 21st.

### **Academic - Information Items**

- **End of Grade Testing - Data Presentation - Information Item** - The scores are almost all completely in. They are not where we would like for them to be. We will go over these at the next meeting, once all scores have some in for review. Although we have improved in all areas, there are still low scores. Based on the data, the students who have been at the school for 2 or more years are showing growth while some are maintaining a steady path. We will be moving to MAP Growth and MAP Fluency Assessments this year and this data will give more specific areas the students are needing help. Cindy Fincher's scores have been received and they are the best by far. We would like to give a shout out to Ms. Fincher and her accomplishments!

### **Finance - Action Items and Information Items**

- **Approval of May Financial Report - Action Item** - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas- All were in favor. The General fund was reviewed. The school is 91.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the General fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues totalled 98.45%. Expenditures as a whole are closer to the percentage budgeted at 92.42%. The total fund equity for May was \$2,085,045.43.
  - **Cash Flow** - The cash flow shows that our variance in cash flow is \$122,739.40 for this month. The revenue for May decreased and the expenditures for May also decreased in comparison to April financials.
- **Approval of the May School Food Report - Action Item** Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All were in favor. The School Nutrition fund was reviewed. The school is 91.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the School Nutrition fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues totalled 106.63%. Expenditures as a whole are closer to the percentage budgeted at 86.10%. The total fund equity for May was \$177,394.08.
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time - Information Item** -The CPF score is now a "100." This month shows no drastic changes in any of the score determination areas.
- **FY 2023 BUDGET Adoption- Action Item** - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor
- **ARP ESSER III Update - Information Item** - The budget items are still being discussed. Some other items that may be added to the budget include, the salary for a Resource Officer and equipment to improve safety features around the school.

### **Governance - Action Items and Information Items**

- **Expansion of school grounds (update) - Information Item** - This is a standing item. We are still in the funding process.
- **Board Member Recruitment - Information Item** - Mr. Rhett Ragean presented His resume to the board members prior to tonight fir review. The board reviewed and has

requested that he attend the next board meeting for additional questions.

- **22-23 New Hires - Action Item** - Motion for approval to hire Mr. Harrison Bell for Physical Education and Health instruction made by Chris Weathersby , 2nd by Grant Ward, All in favor - yes
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Information Item** - Step 3: Self-Assessment Reflecting on professional practice is an important step in the LAPS process. Leaders will complete a Self-Assessment prior to the Pre-Evaluation Conference. The eight Performance Standards will be used to determine professional strengths and areas for growth. The Self Assessment, located on the GaDOE TLSD Electronic Platform, will be available to both the leader and the evaluator for review and professional learning planning. Chairman Lee stated that he believes that Mrs. Almon goes above and beyond in this performance standard and she is actually exceeding in this area. The whole board agreed that the school as a whole is extremely lucky to have Ms. Almon.

**Adjourn Meeting** - Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Eriwn Thomas all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.