

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
November 13, 2023
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - By Erwin Thomas @ 5:46 pm. In attendance were: Erwin Thomas, Patricia Goodman, Stephen Scarborough, Russell Nuti, Ginger Almon - School Leader, and Lori Wilson - CFO

Approval of October Minutes - Action Item

Motion: Patricia Goodman_Second: _Russell Nuti_Vote:-All in Favor-Yes

Approval of November Agenda - Action Item

Motion: Russell Nuti_Second: _Patricia Goodman_Vote:-All in Favor - Yes

Public Comment - None

Campus Expansion

The committee discussed other options instead of building all at once the way that we originally planned. The cost of building right now has almost tripled from the original amount that we discussed. We are thinking that it may be beneficial to build one item at a time, such as starting with the cafeteria. We are looking into pricing a large modular unit that is one enclosed building with approximately 14 classrooms. We could potentially pay for this product while building the cafeteria. The next building would include a gym for the school. The board may complete a ten year plan that includes building of a new facility for middle and high school.

Bus Driver Request

The bus drivers requested that the board look into a potential Christmas bonus for all employees - not just the drivers and monitors.

Charter Contract

There are several parts of the Charter Contract that everyone should be familiar with:

- Cap for enrollment - 600 students
- Mission Specific Goals:
 - 100% of students will complete at least one Cultivation Station each year
 - 100% of students will complete at least two educational STEM Units that focus on the Engineering by Design Process
- The Board must hold at least 10 meetings throughout the calendar year
- Our current contract will expire on June 30, 2025

School improvement Plan

The committee reviewed the 23-24 School Improvement Plan. The committee was taken through the Comprehensive Needs Assessment - which was recently reviewed by the School Leadership Team to prepare for developing the School Improvement Plan. Goals and action plans were created to improve Students and Teacher Achievement.

School Discipline

Discipline infractions seem to be on the rise. The school will consider the hiring of a School Resource Officer to help with truancy and some of level 3 offenses.

Adjourn - 6:27 pm

Adjourn Motion_Patricia Goodman_Second:_Russell Nuti_Vote:_All in Favor__Yes