

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
August 14, 2023
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - By Tony Lee @ 6:40 p.m. In attendance were: Tony Lee, Patricia Goodman, Erwin Thomas, Russell Nuti, Ginger Almon- School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO, In attendance by phone were: None

Approval of May Minutes - Action Item

Motion: Erwin Thomas_ Second: _Patricia Goodman_ Vote: - All in Favor - Yes

Approval of August Agenda - Action Item

Motion: Russell Nuti_ Second: _Erwin Thomas_ Vote: Yes

Public Comment - None

22-23 End of Grade Testing

Discuss the school's academic standing in relation to the surrounding schools and state scores
Overall, SGSC showed improvement in the area of reading, especially with Lexile scores. Over the summer, we met with a consultant and learned of the differing ways for students to reach a level 3 with the current Lexile leveling system. We anticipate continuing growth in this area with the amount of focus being placed upon reading this year - Accelerated Reader. Math continued to show growth as well. In those grade levels where math has been a concern, staff changes were implemented to hopefully show growth for the upcoming year. The data has been analyzed as a whole and appropriate changes and initiatives have been put into place to move the students along for the 23-24 school year.

2023-2024 New Hires for Approval at following Board Meeting on Thursday

Discuss the positions that will be put before the board on Thursday, August 17th, for approval
Dr. Belinda Smith is a school counselor that is retired from the Dougherty County School System. She will be employed 49% and has an extensive career in high school advising - an area that is much needed. Eric Lumpkin will be a full time Dual Enrollment facilitator that will also become the school's Athletic Director. He has previous experience as a coach and Athletic Director and is certified in Physical Education.

Campus Expansion

Discuss the land acquisition, building additions, sports additions for the school expansion
Lori Wilson, CFO, will be looking into if this process will also require the bid process. It was decided that the board members will continue to talk to the agencies and will wait until Lori has answers about the bid process before things go any further than talking.

Seizure Policy for the 23-24 School Year

Discuss the policy for seizures for the 23-24 school year
Governance members reviewed the Seizure policy which mandates that all students with identified seizures must have a plan in place that is facilitated by the nurse and completed by the doctors of the student.

Handbooks

Discuss Student and Family handbook, as well as Staff handbooks and changes for the 23-24 school year
Hayden Hooks, school attorney will be visiting the school on September 14 to review all documents ahead of the board meeting to make sure that nothing else is missing and the handbooks are ready for approval with all of the new guidelines from the state.

Adjourn

Motion: _ Patricia Goodman_Second: _Russell Nuti_ Vote: _ All in Favor__Yes

TIME ADJOURNED: 7:15 PM