

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 2024 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

Meeting 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 - 5:37 pm

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Chairman Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Patricia Goodman, Erwin Thomas, Lori Wilson - CFO, Ginger Almon - School Leader. Guest Present is Kelly Presley

Approval of February Minutes - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor

Approval of March Agenda - Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - 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 - Kelley Presley is present at the meeting. Kelley has recently moved back to Randolph County. She and her husband reside here in Shellman. She is a lawyer that practices in Florida. She has an interest in joining the school board and wanted to see things more in depth than just talking with other board members. She has a great interest in growing our community.

School Liaison (Ms. Fincher) - There are no concerns noted at this time.

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Athletics Information** - Information Item - due to weather we are having to reschedule a lot of middle and varsity baseball games. Soccer and track are both learning and growing. There are only 2 games left with soccer.

- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item - SPRING BREAK! The Georgia Movie Academy, additional sports games. Aggie racing in Columbus, GA. Benchmark testing will begin after the return of spring break.

- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - as of today we are at 499 students with 36% being non-white.

Academic - Information Items

- **Review of the 23-24 Testing Schedule** - Information Item - All board members were provided with a schedule for testing of End of Pathway Assessments, End of Course Tests, and Georgia Milestones Assessments. This year we have reduced the number of days that we are testing and pushed the dates back until later in the year, so teachers have more time to teach and students have more time to learn.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of February Financial Report** - Action Item - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor - The General fund reports ending in February

2024 were reviewed. The school is 66.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 71.75%. Expenditures total at 69.83%. The total fund equity for February 2024 is \$4,478,949.64. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased by \$161,005.41 when compared to January 2024.

o Cash Flow - The monthly cash flow variance for February 2024 is \$40,833.52. This amount does not include drawdowns.

- **Approval of the February School Food Report** - Action Item - Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor -The school nutrition fund for February 2024 was reviewed. The revenues total to 64.09%. The expenditures total at 72.52%. The fund equity increased by \$25,099.63 when compared to January financials.
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time** - Information Item -The Comprehensive Performance Frameworks Score Prediction was reviewed. Based on the SCSC monitoring results, the CPF score is a 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 February.
- **Approval of Modular Complex Bid Documentation** - Action Item - reviewed the specifications for the modular unit to be posted for bids. Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - all in favor - The bid documentation was approved pending the new layout accuracy and a front entrance design.
- **Budget Amendment** - Action Item - Motion to approve the FY 2024 Amended Budget by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor
- **Annual Evaluation of Cash Collection Procedures** - Action Item - Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - all in favor - No changes were made to the policy at this time.
- **Auditor for FY2024 Audit & Financial Statement** - Action Item - Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor . The Board approved contracting with Mauldin & Jenkins for the Fy 2024 Audit pending that they are on the SCSC approved auditors list for FY 2024. The SCSC will be announcing the approved auditors on April 25th.
- **Historical Resources Survey**- Action Item - This item is being tabled until next month when there is more information. The CFO is obtaining another proposal and making contact for more information.
- **ARP ESSER III Update/Input** - Information Item - SGSC was misinformed regarding the tidings period for the Esser III New Expanding Charters Grant. Expenditures for this grant will be moved to the General Fund, Esser III ARP, and the Stronger Connection Grant.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item - recurring item, no new news.
- **Required Board Training** - Information Item - all board members are working on their training. Everyone is up to date.
- **Approval of Resignation of B. Peachey** - received a resignation letter from Ms. Becky Peachey - Math Interventionist. Action Item Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor
- **Approval of Returning Staff** - Action Item -Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor. All staff returned the intent to return except for three staff. One is undecided, one retiring, and one is moving. The Board members were provided with a list of returning certified staff member names to review ahead of the vote.

- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item - Georgia Department of Education LKES Performance Standards and Rubrics Performance Standard 5: **Human Resources Management** The leader fosters effective human resources management through the selection, induction, support, and retention of quality instructional and support personnel. Chairman Lee states that he sees evidence of this on a daily basis with School Leader Almon. She is focused on keeping morale at the school up, making each teacher feel as important as the next. Making sure that all stay involved and informed. She has an open door policy for needs. These are just a few ways that she excels in this area. We are very blessed to have her leading our way.

Adjourn Meeting - Motion to adjourn by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor