

## **Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 12, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC**

### **MINUTES**

**Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option:**

**Dial-in Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665**

**advertised on the School Website as well.**

**Call to Order** - Call to order made by Chairman Lee @ 5:34 pm

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present** - Board members present were: Chairman Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Sherri Cartwright, Erwin Thomas, Patricia Goodman called in. School Leader Ginger Almon and CFO Lori Wilson were present.

**Approval of April Minutes** - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in Favor.

**Approval of June Agenda** - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor.

**Approval to Amend the June Agenda** - Amend agenda to include Executive Session and Spending Resolution to be added Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - 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  
We have several students taking credit recovery classes over the summer - they are all participating and will likely all pass and complete to earn their credit. We have the Open House scheduled for July 29th - we are pleased that the Board will be cooking for our families and staff once again during Open House. On July 28th, the entire school staff will also be taking an off campus trip to Columbus for a team building exercise at the Springer Opera House followed by lunch at CSU. The first day of school for the students will be August 1st.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item  
We ended the 24-25 school year with 493 students. 31.24% non white students. Projected enrollment for the 25-26 school year is approximately 545.

### **Academic - Information Items**

- **Review CCRPI Single Score Summary and Comparison** - Information Item  
Board members were provided with Lexile score comparisons and Scale Score comparisons for the previous 3 years in all subject areas - chart created by Kim Crowdis. Highlighted items included the above average increases in math in grades 7th and 8th - as well as 8th grade science. Overall, most grade levels showed that Lexiles increased - and scores held or improved in most grade levels. We are very proud of the staff and students!

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

- **Approval of May Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. The General fund reports ending in May 2025 were 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 total at 92.81%. Expenditures total at 87.90%. The total fund equity for May 2025 is \$2,186,718.44. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased in the month of May. The decrease is due to the building acquisition expenditures and maintenance and operation expenditures.
  - Cash Flow- The general fund monthly actual cash flow for May 2025 is \$4,209.23 for the general fund less the building acquisition expenditures.
- **Approval of the May School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. The school nutrition fund for May 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 91.73%. The expenditures total at 82.49%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$632,276.96.

- **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 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 May 2025.
- **Review of FY26 Proposed Budget** - Information Item- The proposed FY 2026 budget was reviewed and discussed. The dates for the hearings have been scheduled. The budget will be considered for adoption at the July Board Meeting.
- **Spending Resolution**- Action Item- Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. The board approved a spending resolution to continue using the FY 2025 approved budget until the FY 2026 budget is adopted.
- **Finance Policy Update** - Action Item- Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. The board has amended the finance policy to include capitalization of bulk purchases.
- **Human Resources Policy Update**- Action Item- Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. The board has amended the human resources policy to comply with HB 37 that will go in effect July 1st, 2025. This bill pertains to communication to staff and applicants regarding the school's policy of deducting Social Security Taxes.

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

- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item  
All members have completed their respective training requirements at this time - with the exception of Sherri Cartwright who must complete the online requirements. She is currently working on those now.
- **Orchard Next Steps** - Information Item  
The report from the state visitors has been sent to the appropriate people. We will now wait for approval to be able to move forward with the addition of the athletic field work.
- **Resignation Approvals** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in Favor.  
Raylee Etheridge resigned from her position as middle grades STEM and math interventionist  
Tessa Bell resigned from her position as 6th and 7th grade ELA teacher
- **New Hire Approvals** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor.  
Charles Doswell - SPED  
Michelle Peace - Spanish  
LouAnn Marbury - Counselor  
Brad Cowart - HS Math/Middle School Electives
- **Policy Updates** - Information Item  
The date with the school attorney had to be rescheduled for a later date - any needed changes to policies will be included in the July Board meeting agenda
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item  
Board members reviewed the LKES Standard 5: Human Resources Management. The board determined that the school leader fosters effective human resources management through the selection, induction, support, and retention of quality instructional and support personnel.

## **Executive Session -**

- **Personnel Discussion** - Action Item - @ 6:17 pm Chairman Lee asked for motion to move to executive session. Motion was made by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor. Items discussed were the central office salaries.
- **Exit out of Executive Session 6:55 @** Motion to end executive session made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd Patricia Goodman; all in favor

**Adjourn Meeting** - 6:57 pm Chairman Lee motioned for adjournment, - Motion to adjourn approved by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor.