

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

January 23, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

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 - 5:30 - Chairman Tony Lee called the meeting to order

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Present on teleconference were - Chairman Lee, Patricia Goodman, Sherri Cartwright, Chris Weathersby, Erwin Thomas, Ginger Almon - School Leader and Lori Wilson - CFO.

Approval of December Minutes - Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sheri Cartwright, all in favor

Approval of January Agenda - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, 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 - Due to the snow and subsequent school cancellations, we had to reschedule classroom Spelling Bee for Monday the 27th and school wide Spelling Bee will be on Wednesday the 29th. This is for grades 3-8. On the 28th we will have lots of teachers out for LETRS training, which is in response to HB538 - Literacy Bill. We have Grow Randolph next week. We will have Honors Day and Clubs on January 31st. Feb 3rd training with RESA for writing. Basketball will end and Baseball will be starting.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - 529 students and at 31% non- white students
- **School Update** - facilities - Information Item - pictures taken around school and Randy Swartz is working to fix some things including air conditioning and cosmetic features (doors, panels, etc). Overall, all of the staff is settled into their new locations and are enjoying their space.

Academic - Information Items

- **Exceeded SCSC Academic Standards** - Information Item - SCSC Monitoring results were distributed. SGSC met the expectations in Operations and Finance, but exceeded the expectations in Academics. Huge shout out for the staff and students!

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of December Financial Report** - Action Item - Motion to approve by Sheri Cartwright , 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all in favor. The General fund reports ending in December 2024 were reviewed. The school is 50.0% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 50.31%. Expenditures total at 57.20%. The total fund equity for December 2024 is \$2,681,440.61. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased in the month of December. The decrease is due to the building acquisition expenditures.
 - Cash Flow - The general fund monthly cash flow variance for December 2024 is \$32,838.77 for the general fund less the building acquisition expenditures.
- **Approval of the December School Food Report** - Action Item - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in favor. The school nutrition fund for December 2024 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 53.69%. The expenditures total at 46.02%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$582,631.43.
- **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 December 2024.
- **Facilities Project Budget** - Action Item - The Board reviewed the modular complex expenditures that have been paid. All of the expenditures for this project have been paid except for the furniture expenditures. When only including the modular unit project, the budget was under \$26,500. The Board reviewed upcoming projects. The modular unit sprinkler project has been removed from the original building acquisition project. The Committee reviewed upcoming

project expenditures.

● **Bid Approval for Water Drainage and Pond Retention** - Action Item - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all in favor. The Board reviewed 3 bids. They were from Mickey Rice Land Clearing and Grading, LLC., S&S Concrete, and TB & J Striping. The Board voted to approve Mickey Rice Land Clearing and Grading, LLC.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Paving Decisions for the Campus** - Information Item - this will be on hold until the water drainage and pond project is completed.
- **S5 - Reporting Child Abuse Policy Amendment for CAP** - Action Item - Policy will be amended to including the wording, "The report shall be made regardless of whether it is based on privileged/confidential communication." Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Ervin Thomas, all in favor
- **Collaboration with Shellman PD** - Information Item - table this item until the city is ready to move forward.
- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item - everyone is signed up for training that can attend. Mr. Lee, Mr. Weathersby, and Ginger Almon will attend the February Training in Atlanta. Erwin Thomas and Sherri Cartwright will attend the April Training in Athens. Patricia Goodman will reach out about her training options.
- **SCSC Renewal Update** - Information Item - SCSC Commissioners meeting to approve renewal requests will be on 2/26/2025 and they might be limiting the attendance to two members for each school. We will make decisions about who will attend this meeting.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item - Performance Evaluation - Standard 6. School Leader Almon states that she shares this task with her colleagues: Velvet Scoggins - Director of Special Education and Courtney Greenway - Vice-Principal/Graduation Coach. All are completed accurately and accordingly.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all in favor.