

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

March 20, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

AGENDA

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 - 5:41 by Chairman Tony Lee

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

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 Erwin Thomas, 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 - FFA Plant sales starting today through Saturday, Baseball, Aggie Racing, Track and soccer games will be going on. Senior activities with cap and gown pictures and events. Juniors will be ordering their class rings this week. We have the Spring Fling next week and then we will have Spring Break. The criteria has been given to the teachers of what is expected of them in order to be able to go to spring week a day early.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - We have 524 students. 31.11% non-white. During Open Enrollment we have received 40 plus new applications, 20 pre-k additions for a total of 60 new students. Pre-K, 3rd, and 5th-9th grades are currently capped and a waiting list has started.

Academic - Information Items

- **2025-2026 Testing Schedule** - Information Item - We will be having the end of the year benchmark schedule from March 24-27. We are doing this a little early so we can assess where students are for the milestone testing. End of the year assessments will be May 1-May 12th.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of February Financial Report** - Action Item Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in Favor. The General fund reports ending in February 2025 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 66.86%. Expenditures total at 70.60%. The total fund equity for

February 2025 is \$2,645,715.39. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased in the month of February. The decrease is due to the building acquisition expenditures and maintenance and operation expenditures.

- Cash Flow- The general fund monthly actual cash flow for February 2025 is \$11,884.46 for the general fund less the building acquisition expenditures.
- **Approval of the February School Food Report** - Action Item Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in Favor. The school nutrition fund for February 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 72.35%. The expenditures total at 60.29%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$618,863.18.
- **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 February 2025.
- **Budget Amendment** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor. The Board has adopted the proposed budget amendment to increase and decrease the areas that are elevated or lower than the original budget to get closer to target.
- **Annual Evaluation of Cash Collection Procedures**- Action Item -Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in Favor. The Board completed the annual evaluation of the cash collection procedures. There were no changes made to the existing policy.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Traffic Decision after Paving for the Campus** - Information Item - this is a standing item until it is completed
- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item - Sherri will be completing her training soon. Patricia is working with hers online and the others have completed this step
- **Orchard Next Steps** - Information Item - working with the forestry department to get the next steps completed. We have no end date for this project at this time.
- **Athletic Complex Addition** - Information Item - Ben Crowdis is working to get a 3 lane batting cage installed at the ball field. We are still working on funding a new facility.
- **Approval for 2025-2026 Staff** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in Favor.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item -Fact Sheet #8 - Performance Standard 8: Communication and Community Relations. COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS The leader fosters the success of all students by communicating and collaborating effectively with stakeholders. The SGSC board is really proud of Ginger and her staff for how they are working together to become vital members in the community. We see the school working with different community leaders and groups along with the community as a whole.

Adjourn Meeting - 6:27 pm - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in Favor.