

## Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

April 16, 2026, 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 By Tony Lee at 5:30**

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Tony Lee-Board Chairman, Chris Weathersby- Vice Chairman, Erwin Thomas- Board Member, Sherri Cartwright-Board Member (By Phone), Ginger Almon-School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO**

**Approval of March Meeting Minutes** - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor.

**Approval of April Agenda** - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. 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 (Mrs. Greenway)** - None

### School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item  
Mrs. Almon reviewed upcoming events with the board members for the remaining days of April and until the end of the school year. The board was reminded of the upcoming Field Day on May 1st during which they will grill hamburgers for the staff, students, and families that attend. Board members were reminded of the upcoming end of grade and end of course testing dates, as well as when the graduation ceremony will take place on May 15th at 7:00 pm at Andrew College.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item  
SGSC has a total of 521 students as of today's date. There are 29.94% of non white students enrolled at SGSC.
- **Positions for 26-27 at SGSC** - Information Item  
We are currently looking to hire a High School Science teacher, a PE teacher for middle and high school, a Middle Grades math teacher, and two 1st grade teachers for the 26-27 school year.

### Academic - Information Items

- **Upcoming Testing for End of the Year** - Information Item  
Testing will begin on April 30th and May 1st for the Lit & Comp II students in high school. Testing for all other grades (3rd-8th) will begin on Monday, May 4th in this order: Monday - ELA, Tuesday - ELA, Wednesday - Math for all grades 3rd - 8th and EOCT for Algebra, Thursday - Science for 5th and 8th and EOCT for Biology, Friday - Social Studies for 8th grade and EOCT for US History. Make-up Testing days will be May 11th and 12th for all students that were absent.

### Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of March Financial Report** - Action Item  
Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. All in favor. The General fund reports ending in March 2026 were reviewed. The school is 75.0% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 78.33%. Expenditures total at 75.24%. April reflects the balance of the State supplement being paid out of the general fund along with sports stipends and local supplements. Most areas are a little elevated. The total fund equity for March 2026 is \$2,753,003.29. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased for the month of March.
  - Cash Flow- The general fund monthly actual cash flow variance for March 2026 is \$25,405.35. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual

expenditures were higher than budgeted for the month of March. These changes were due to receiving the state supplement and distributing the funds. Over \$76K more was distributed from the general fund.

- **Approval of the March School Food Report** - Action Item  
Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. The school nutrition fund for March 2026 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 90.63%. The expenditures total at 69.57%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$805,350.35.
- **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 100. There were no major changes to the CPF calculations.
- **FY 2026 Budget Amendment** - Action Item  
Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. The Board approved the FY 2026 Budget Amendment.
- **FY 2027 Proposed Budget**- Information Item  
The Board discussed upcoming expenditures for the proposed FY 2027 Budget. The budget will be ready and approved to advertise at the May 2026 meeting.

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

- **Campus Expansion** - Information Item  
The Board discussed working on financing for the 2026-2027 school year in hopes to begin building in the 2027-2028 school year.
- **Peach Tax Credit** - Information Item  
The School Leader and CFO have looked through the application and have plans to get started on the Peach Tax Credit.
- **Accept Resignation of Kim Crowdis, Venecia Lowry, and Jay Tully for 26-27 School Year** - Action Item  
Motion to Approve Kim Crowdis' resignation by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. All in favor. Motion to Approve Venecia Lowry's resignation by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. Motion to Approve Jay Tully's' resignation by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. All in favor. The Board accepts the resignations.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item  
The board members discussed Mrs. Almon's performance related to Standard 6 - Teacher and Staff Evaluation. They determined that Mrs. Almon and other named staff conduct evaluations with fairness and consistency based on established guidelines.

**Adjourn Meeting** - 5:49 PM- Motion for Adjournment by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Chris Erwin Thomas. All in favor.