Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting
July 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
Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Tony Lee-Board Chairman - present via call-in, Chris Weathersby- Vice Chairman, Patricia Goodman- Board Member, Erwin Thomas- Board Member, Sherri Cartwright-Board Member, Ginger Almon-School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO
Approval of June Meeting Minutes - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in favor.
Approval of July 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 shared important upcoming information with the board members, such as new staff orientation on July 22nd, Pre-planning dates of July 28th-31st, Open House on July 30th, and the first day of school on August 3rd.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
  There have been lots of new enrollments over the summer - approximately 90 new registrations. Some of those registrations have declined their spot and some have not responded. We will not know how many new students that we have until we register all of the students into Infinite Campus to get a count. We should have this by the next board meeting.

Academic - Information Items

- **New Initiatives for the School Year -** Information Item
  We tried to keep the initiatives limited for this school year because there are so many new staff and students. We will be implementing SmartPass, WeTip, Beacon Assessments will replace MAP assessments, we have added a Literacy Coach, and we will change the way we recognize academic achievements for students over the year.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of June Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in favor. The General fund reports ending in June 2026 were reviewed. The school is 100.00% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 101.71%. Expenditures total at 94.02%. The total fund equity for June 2026 is $3,213,791.13. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased when compared to June 2026.
  - Cash Flow- The monthly cash variance shows that actual revenue was higher than projected. Expenditures were also less than budgeted. Actual cash flow was $287,228.00 higher than anticipated.
- **Approval of the June School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in favor. The school nutrition fund for June 2026 was reviewed. The revenues total to 97.04%. The expenditures total at 89.33%. The fund equity increased by almost $172K when compared to the beginning of the fiscal year.

- **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 remains a 100. There were no major changes in any of the CPF calculations for the month of June.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Campus Expansion** - Information Item
  The board discussed upcoming projects - Gymnasium and Cafeteria additions, as well as the Athletic Complex renovations/additions. Plans are being drawn up and funding will be applied for as soon as all numbers are in place.
- **Review Strategic Plan** - Information Item
  The board discussed the needs that they felt are pressing to be included in the strategic plan. To expand on course offerings, the board would like to ensure that we are working on a plan for making sure we include trade based programs, such as welding, into the offerings.
- **Discuss Peach Tax Plan** - Information Item
  The board discussed the orchard as being the project that we can use for the Peach Tax Credit funds. We will move forward with getting everything set up for the year.
- **Approve Board and Committee Dates for the 26-27 School Year** - Action Item
  Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in favor.
- **Approve Student and Family Handbook** - Action Item
  Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in favor.
- **Approve Staff Handbook** - Action Item
  Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in favor.
- **Approve New and Amended Policies for the 26-27 School Year** - Action Item
  - Addition of Policy S37 - Distraction Free Education Act Policy - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in favor.
  - Amendment of S9 - Acceptable Use of Technology Policy - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in favor.
  - Amendment of S11 - Admissions and Enrollment Policy - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in favor.
  - Amendment of S1 - Student Code of Conduct Policy - Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in favor.
  - Amendment of S30 - Suicide Prevention Policy - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in favor.
  - Amendment of S34 - School Attendance Policy - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in favor.
  - Addition of Policy S38 - AED Policy - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in favor.
- **Approve Addition of New SGSC Board Member Candidate** - Action Item
  Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in favor. The board discussed the addition of Mark Cox to become the newest SGSC board member. Mr. Cox has submitted his resume for consideration and the board has had time to review. The board asked Mr. Cox several questions related to his ambitions as a board member. The board was satisfied with all of the responses and felt comfortable with adding Mr. Cox to the SGSC board of directors.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
  The board feels that Mrs. Almon is meeting all of the requirements for Standard 8: Communication and Community Relations. Mrs. Almon consistently communicates with all stakeholders to contribute to the overall student success at SGSC.

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

TIME ADJOURNED:_6:32_PM