

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting  
January 19, 2023 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option due to COVID-19: Dial-in  
Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665 and advertised on the School  
Website as well.**

**Call to Order @ 5:32 p.m.** by Tony Lee, Chairman of the Board

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present:** Tony Lee - Board Chairman, Chris Weathersby - Vice-Chair, Patricia Goodman, Erwin Thomas. Russell Nuti called the meeting. Ginger Almon - School Leader, Lori Wilson - CFO, Ben Crowdis - Athletic Director, and Kadie Phillips - Federal Programs Director. Grant Ward was not present at the meeting.

**Approval of December Minutes** - Motion made to approve by: Erwin Thomas , 2nd by: Patricia Goodman , all in Favor - Yes

**Approval of January Agenda** - Motion made to approve by: Patricia Goodman , 2nd by: Chris Weathersby, all in Favor - Yes

**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 at this time

**School Liaison (Ms. Fincher)** - Ms. Fincher has stated that there are no issues at this time.

**School Leader's Report - Information Items**

**Recent Successes and Celebrations** - Information Item - The leadership team met this week, Georgia Movie Academy has started again this year. Mrs. Duke is in charge of this again this year. She has stated that they will be working on winning local again and state this year. This past Tuesday My View (reading program) training for the teachers was from 3:30 to 6:30. We have had a mini cheer camp this week.

**Athletics Information (Ben Crowdis)** - Information Item - Coach Crowdis reports that fundraisers have not been as successful as he would have liked. He is not sure why they were not successful this go around. With baseball getting underway, the detergent sales have started again. Things that are needed going forward are hurdles, so that we can try to have a track meet here at our school. This will help get us out there and another way to raise money. We will be looking for a head football coach and a head basketball coach. Non-certified employees are not allowed to be head coaches so going forward we will have to look at a head coach for basketball as Coach Bubba will

not be able to be the head coach. The board discussed moving forward with a varsity football team.

***Motion to make an amendment to the agenda was made by Patricia Goodman with a 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all in favor - yes.***

***Motion to move forward with starting a High School Football program. Motion made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all in favor - yes.***

**Upcoming Events** - Information Item - Baseball is about to start in February. Track and Field is also getting started and Coach Haley will be in charge of track this year. This Friday we will also have the Cheer Camp perform for their parents.

**Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - currently 485 students. 29.9% nonwhite students. 243 - males and 242 females.

## **Academic - Information Items**

**Overview of MAP Assessment Results** - Information Item - Ms. Almon went over the MAP mid year testing/ end year testing. Reading is increasing and there are many concerns in the math area. These are both struggles for other schools as well.

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

**Approval of December Financial Report** - Action Item - The General fund was reviewed. The school is 50.00% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 50.88%. Expenditure total at 49.68%. The total fund equity for December is \$2,913,894.32. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Maintenance and operation is still elevated because of the facility grant expenditures being used out of the general fund. The fund code for the facility grant is also 100. So, this calculation includes state grant spending and will remain in this area. Fund equity has increased over \$143,975 for the month of December. Motion made to approve by: Patricia Goodman , 2nd by: Erwin Thomas , all in Favor - Yes

o Cash Flow -The monthly cash flow for through December shows that the total variance is \$25,105.93. The monthly cash flow does not include drawdowns for the month of December.

**Approval of the December School Food Report** - Action Item -The school nutrition fund was reviewed. The revenues total to 137.17%. The expenditures total at 68.51%. The fund equity total is \$258,778.30. The fund equity in SFN has increased by \$10K. The month of December was a shorter month. Therefore, there were less meals and a lower state reimbursement. Motion made to approve by:Erwin Thomas , 2nd by:

Patricia Goodman , all in Favor - Yes

**CPF Point Calculation at this time** - Information Item -The Comprehensive Performance Frameworks Score Prediction was reviewed. The score remains at “100,” with no drastic changes in any of the score determination areas.

**ARP ESSER III Update/Input** - Information Item - We are waiting to receive some quotes to complete approval forms for this budget. Once GADOE approves the purchases, we will be able to enter the budget into the consolidated app and begin drawing down funds that have been spent.

**Credit Card Update** - Information Item - We should receive the credit card from Charity Charge within 7-10 business days.

**Discuss Amending the Budget** - Information Item - The board agreed that the budget needs to be amended. The CFO will present an amended budget at the next board meeting for approval.

**Approve a Bid for the Fence (School Safety)** - Action - The fence bid will be tabled at this time. We are waiting to receive one more quote for a cantilever fence. Motion by Patricia Goodman: , 2nd by: Erwin Thomas, all in Favor - Yes -

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

**Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item - Mr. David Guerra with SRJ Architects Inc. is currently working on updating the projected costs for campus expansion.

**Monitoring Results from the SCSC** - Information Item - The Board reviewed the different findings and adverse actions that will be appealed in the SCSC portal on January 20, 2023. They understood each appeal and were in agreement with the school attorney and Mrs. Almon. There is no information in the materials about the next steps once an appeal has been submitted. We will begin work on the CAP and wait for information from the SCSC regarding the appeals.

- **Discuss staffing needs for the 23-24 school year** - Information Item - Mrs. Almon explained to the Board the different funding options for a school counselor and an assistant principal. The board agrees that Mrs. Almon can move forward with advertising and interviewing for both positions at this time.

- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item  
Step 8: Summative Performance Evaluation The Summative Performance Evaluation shall be based on the Formative Assessment, additional documentation. Progress toward or attainment of the GaPSC Professional Learning Goal(s) or Professional Learning Plan(s) may be used as documentation for a select standard or standard. The Board Chairman says that everyone is pleased with school leader Almon in this area.

**Adjourn Meeting** - Motion made to adjourn by: Erwin Thomas @ , 2nd by: Patricia Goodman , all in Favor - Yes. Meeting adjourned at - 7:09 pm.