

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

December 15th, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

MINUTES

Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option:

Dial-in Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665

advertised on the School Website as well.

Call to Order - 5:57 pm by Tony Lee

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Board members present were: Chris Weathersby, Sherri Cartwright, Erwin Thomas, and Patricia Goodman. All members were present for the meeting. School Leader, Ginger Almon and CFO, Lori Wilson were present.

Approval of November Minutes - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in Favor.

Approval of December Agenda - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - 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
Ginger Almon shared upcoming events with the board to include the scheduled basketball games, and Christmas Break.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
We currently have 525 students enrolled. 30.48% non white population.
- **SGSC Open Enrollment coming soon-** Preparation for enrollment will begin in January when we return from Christmas break.

Academic - Information Items

- **Review of the Progress data from EOG/EOC towards CCRPI** - Information Item
SGSC currently serves 14 different counties: Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Marion, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, and Webster. In Georgia's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI), the Progress component measures academic growth by comparing a student's performance on state assessments to that of their "academic peers"—students across the state who have similar prior achievement histories. This measurement is designed to show how much a student is learning over time, regardless of whether they have already reached "proficient" or "distinguished" status. Students at SGSC outperformed most of the schools in the counties that we serve. Some subgroups need work (middle school SPED), but other than a few areas, we celebrate the progress of the students at SGSC.
- **Current Winter EOCT Scores** - Information Item
Current EOCT scores show an improvement from the previous administration of these tests. Students showed gains in History, Literature, and Science.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of November Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor. The General fund reports ending in November 2025 were reviewed. The school is 41.663% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 44.06%. Expenditures total at 42.27%. School Administration and Maintenance are elevated due to the datacom invoices paid in the previous month. School Administration is also affected by the Christmas bonuses and athletic stipends that were paid out in the month of November. Maintenance is also elevated due to recent projects for drainage and sprinkler in modular buildings. We have also

paid a percentage to the awning company. Transportation is elevated due to the bus purchase in the previous month. The total fund equity for November 2025 is \$2,455,262.95. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased for the month of November.

- **Cash Flow-** The general fund monthly actual cash flow variance for November 2025 is 18,241.38. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were a little higher for the month of November.
- **Approval of the November School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - All in Favor. The school nutrition fund for November 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 50.22%. The expenditures total at 40.61%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$725,005.51.
- **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 November 2025.
- **FY25 Audit-** Information Item- The financials for the audit were completed before November 1st. Due to the government shutdown, SGSC will be receiving the single audit in January. Mauldin & Jenkins informed us that it should be complete by the next board meeting.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item
All Board members attended the Macon training session for their requirements for SCSC - with the exception of Sherri Cartwright, who will be attending the February 11th training in Atlanta. Ginger and Lori will work to set up a meeting for the board and the contact from the Peach Tax Credit session at the SCSC Governance training. Michelle Neely also shared that there will be a uniform survey system offered by the SCSC to all schools free of charge soon.
- **December Luncheon for Staff** - Information Item
We will provide a luncheon for the staff on December 19th after early release.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
The Board reviewed LKES Standard 2: School Climate - Promoting the success of all students by developing, advocating, and sustaining an academically rigorous, positive, and safe school climate for all stakeholders.

Adjourn Meeting - 6:16 pm Tony Lee motioned for adjournment. Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor.