

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting
October 20, 2022 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 - @ 5:33pm by: Chris Weathersby, Vice Chairman

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Members Present are Chris Weathersby - Vice-Chair, Board Members - Patricia Goodman, Russell Nuti, Erwin Thomas. CFO - Lori Wilson, School Leader- Ginger Almon, and MTSS Coordinator - Leslie Presley Board Members Grant Ward and Rusell Nuti called into the board meeting . Not Present were Chairman - Tony Lee.

Approval of September Minutes - Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all Approved

Approval of October Agenda - Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all Approved

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 School Liaison (Ms. Fincher) - no comments

School Leader's Report - Information Items

Recent Successes and Celebrations - Information Item -

We have been having a Numbers Talk training with Angie Brunson from Chatt-Flint RESA. She has been out to observe teachers and is so pleased with the progress and the staff participation! This is going to be working with our overall math goals. We have been looking at the SPED program and how it has been working with the transition from out of classroom to in the classroom learning and things seem to be going very well. The audit was returned with no findings.

Athletics Information (Ben Crowdis) - Information Item -

Softball ended the season coming in 6th in the region of 14 schools. We are profiting from the games gate sales and the concession sales at each game. The Fan Cloth apparel did not go well as the date of the delivery was much later than anticipated and we will not be using them again.

We will be having a Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser and we will also be having a Coke fundraiser. The funds from the coke fundraiser will go to supporting the One Act Play performance. We had our first fishing team meeting. Right now we have 2 high school teams and one Middle School team. We are currently having basketball practice getting ready to start the season.

Upcoming Events - Information Item

Fall Festival is coming up and this will be October 27th from 5-8 pm on the football field. Monday the 24th our cross country team will be competing in the regional track meet. Red Ribbon - Drug Awareness Week starts on the 24th and will run through the 28th. We will also have Randolph County DPH coming to the school to complete an immunization audit, scoliosis screening, and flu and Covid vaccine clinic for staff and students. We will also have a mass vision and hearing screening from the Office of Rural Education of certain grade levels. Trick or treating will and Halloween parties will round out the week.

Enrollment Summary - Information Item

488 students at this time. 239 - male and 249 Female. 28.69% Non-White Students.

Academic - Information Items

MTSS Processes and Updates (Lesley Presley) - Information Item

School leader Almon requested that Lesley Presley come and talk to you all about the MTSS process. Mrs. Presley explained the MTSS definition and purpose to the board along with the 3 goals that she has for herself in dealing with each case and each Aggie Achiever. She talked about all the screening methods that are used to evaluate and see if the achiever is ranked in Tier 1, 2, or 3. She explained how each student has their own process based on all the services they need to succeed. Right now we have 38 kids in tiers 2 or 3 of the Program.

Initiative of Creating an Independent Learner - Information Item

We will be working on some professional development to work on removing crutches for students. Staff will be receiving training on the importance of modeling the same expectations that they want from their students.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

Approval of September Financial Report - Action Item

Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all Approved.

The school is 25.00% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 25.08%. Expenditure total at 23.81%. The total fund equity for September is \$2,593,861.88. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Improvement of instructional services is elevated due to workshop and conference dues being paid. The expenditures in this area of the fund are spent in larger sums for professional development travel and conferences. This causes the percentage to

be elevated. It is not a gradual monthly expense. Maintenance and operation is also elevated because of the facility grant expenditures being used out of the general fund. We have also had more expenses for lawn maintenance. The school has completed many repairs in preparation for the school year that is included in this percentage.

Cash Flow -The monthly cash flow for through October shows that the total variance is \$48,291.84.

Approval of the September School Food Report - Action Item

Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman , 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all Approved.

The school nutrition fund was reviewed. The revenues total to 61.84%. The expenditures total at 28.04%. The fund equity total is \$235,674.09.

CPF Point Calculation at this time - Information Item

The score remains at “100,” with no drastic changes in any of the score determination areas.

ARP ESSER III Update - Information Item

Board Members reviewed the proposed budget for ARP Esser III Expanding Charters. The budget is closer to being completed. We have a few more decisions to make regarding datacom’s proposal, the fence purchase, and the intercom purchase.

Audit Update - Information Item

The audit has been completed and the school received excellent results. There are no findings for FY22. The Board Members reviewed the audit.

Datacom Proposal - Action Item

Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Russell Nuti. All Approved.

The proposal is for major repairs to the infrastructure of the school’s internet and wifi capabilities. The repairs will also help testing capabilities for the school.

Bid for Custodial Services - Action Item

Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman. All Approved.

The Board members reviewed their top bid choices, which were J&H Janitorial Company, LLC, LRL Ventures and Management, Sani-Rite, and Chosen 1st Cleaning Service, LLC. The Board voted to begin using J&H Janitorial Company, LLC.

Governance - Action and Information Items

Expansion of school grounds (update) - Information Item

The CFO is currently working with Terracon for completion of an environmental assessment.

The assessment will be sent to governmental agencies as part of the USDA application process.

Signing of the Conflict of Interest Statement - Action Item

Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all Approved

The Conflict of Interest Statement was amended to change eligibility to a board member to allow those who hold public office to be able to also hold a seat on the board.

Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Information Item

Performance Standard 5: Human Resources Management - The leader fosters effective human resources management through selection, induction, support, and retention of quality instructional and support personnel. We are pleased with the School Leaders overall skills in this field and the ability to listen and react to the needs of the employees of the school in a successful manner.

The Vice Chair stated that there was a need to enter into Executive Session. @ 6:39 pm - Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman , all Approved. The Executive Session Affidavit was signed at this time.

The Executive Session ended at 7:02 p.m. No decisions were made at this time. Items were tabled until the next board meeting.

Adjourn Meeting - Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas , 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.