

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 20, 2025, 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** - 5:42 PM by Chairman Tony Lee

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present** - All members were present. Chairman Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Erwin Thomas, Sherri Cartwright, Ginger Almon, Lori Wilson in person and Patricia Goodman by phone call

**Approval of January Minutes** - Motion to Approve January minutes by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, All in Favor

**Approval of February Agenda** - Motion to Approve February Agenda 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 (Ms. Fincher)** - None

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

**Upcoming Events - Information Item** - Pre-K registration is going on this week. Baseball and Soccer have begun. We will be having games for the next several weeks. We submitted the young authors' winners from each grade level to RESA today for the competition. Aggie fishing will be going on this weekend. The Book Fair will be starting next week. AG Class is selling lettuce and mums. They are getting veggies and flowers ready to plant for an upcoming sale. FFA Week will be next week.

**Enrollment Summary - Information Item** - 30.93% non - white students. 7 students are not returning and approximately 30 applications were submitted during open enrollment. We also have Pre-K registration. We are looking at around 575 students for next year.

**School Update - facilities - Information Item** - They have been working on reported things in the new building. They have a few additional things to get done.

**Academic - Information Items**

**2025-2026 School Calendar** - Action Item - Motion to Approve 2025-26 school calendar by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas All in Favor

**Finance - Action Items and Information Items**

**Approval of January Financial Report** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas , 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in Favor. The General fund reports ending in January 2025 were reviewed. The school is 58.33% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 58.50%. Expenditures total at 63.94%. The total fund equity for January 2025 is \$2,661,581.96. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased in the month of January. The decrease is due to the building acquisition expenditures.

o Cash Flow - The general fund monthly cash flow variance for January 2025 is \$8,494.83 for the general fund less the building acquisition expenditures.

**Approval of the January School Food Report** - Action Item Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas , 2nd by Chris Weathersby All in Favor. The school nutrition fund for January 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 61.25%. The expenditures total at 52.02%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$597,663.07.

**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 January 2025.

**Bid Packet Approval for Paving** - Action Item Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas All in Favor. The board approved the bid packet. The packet will be added to the Georgia Procurement Registry beginning February 21st, 2025 which follows the bid packet schedule.

**Bus Purchase Approval** - Action Item Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas All in Favor. The Board approved to purchase a 2026 Blue Bird Bus off of the Statewide contract for next school year.

**990 Tax Organizer** - Information Item. The Board reviewed the tax organizer. There are no questions. The return is ready to be filed.

**Discuss Upcoming Budget Amendment** - Information Item. The Board discussed a general fund amendment to increase some areas of the budget and decrease others to get closer to actual spending. Some of the areas that will need to be addressed are IT equipment, Virtual Learning, classroom furniture, and maintenance.

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

**Paving Decisions for the Campus** - Information Item - Mrs. Wilson will post the approved bid for a total of 5 business days, and we will have a called meeting to review the bids on February 28, 2025.

**FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item - All boards members have completed Face-to-Face training in Atlanta with the exception of Patricia Goodman and Sherri Cartwright. We are getting Mrs. Goodman registered for her training. Mrs. Cartwright is registered for her training in Athens during April.

**SCSC Renewal Update** - Information Item - Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Almon are going on the 26th

to the SCSC Board Meeting to receive our 5 year renewal.

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

**Professionalism** - exhibits a commitment to professional ethics and the school's mission, participates in professional growth opportunities to support student learning, and contributes to the profession. All are pleased as a group with Mrs. Almon in this area.

**Adjourn Meeting -6:42 PM** Action Item Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in Favor