

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

January 18, 2024 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

advertised on the School Website as well.

Call to Order - 5:40 pm by Chairman Lee

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Chairman Lee, Chris Weathersby, Patricia Goodman , Lori Wilson - CFO, Ginger Almon - School Leader, and call in by board member Erwin Thomas.

Approval of December Minutes - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - all in favor

Approval of January 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 - Guest - Sherri Cartwright - Sherri Cartwright is interested in joining the school board. Education has always been very important to her. She grew up here and has been back in Shellman for over 30 years. She has her masters in nursing and is employed by Phoebe Sumter and teaches classes at Andrew College in Cuthbert GA.

School Liaison (Ms. Fincher) - None

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Athletics Information** Information Item - We are working on rescheduling Senior night with Chess Academy due to the basketball game being canceled due to weather. Baseball Try-outs are this week.
- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item - GSW is having a career fair in February. Field trip to Andrew College to listen to a speaker for Middle and High School. The first group will be 6-8th grade, then 11-12th grade will be going upon their return.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - at this time we have 506 students and 32% non-white.

Academic Information Items

Academic Updates - Information Item - Kim Crowdis will be coming to the meeting next month to talk to you about MAP results. We will be focusing on grades with the sports that will be starting soon. We will be getting together with the teachers about the new math programs for next year. This information will be presented at the next board meeting.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

Approval of December Financial Report - Action Item -Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman , 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor -The General fund reports ending in December 2023 were reviewed. The school is 50.0% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 52.99%. Expenditures total at 52.05%. The total fund equity for December 2023 is \$4,257,186.75. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased by \$143,610.10 when compared to November 2023.

O Cash Flow - The monthly cash flow variance for December 2023 is \$68,740.95.

Approval of the December School Food Report - Action Item - Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman , 2nd by Chris Weathersby - all in favor

State Supplement - Information Item - The school nutrition fund for December 2023 was reviewed. The revenues total to 45.84%. \$17,073.07 of the revenue is the supply chain assistance grant received in November. \$150.75 is a SFN warehouse grant that was received in December. The expenditures total at 50.59%. The fund equity total is \$429,039.26. The fund equity increased by \$1,558.93 when compared to November.

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 a 95 due to enrollment variance. There were no major changes in any of the CPF calculations for the month of November. The score remains at 95.

ARP ESSER III Update/Input - Information Item - Esser carryover has dropped and is ready to be re-budgeted. As soon as the budget is approved in the consolidated application, funds can be drawn down.

Governance - Action and Information Items

Expansion of school grounds (update) - Information Item - The 14 classroom module unit will cost approximately 386,000 to provide all hook-ups, such as plumbing, technology, electricity, etc. More information will be provided as it is received.

Required Board Training - Information Item - All board members have completed in person training and still have the online training to complete.

Board Member Resignation - Action Item - We received the resignation letter from board member Russell Nuti. Mr. Nuti has been on the board for 3 ½ years. He has recently has to devote more and more time to work as he is now traveling a lot more. He will always be someone that we can count on for anything. Motion to accept resignation of Russell Nuti by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - all in favor

Operational and Fiscal Monitoring Results and Appeal - Information Item - We have submitted the appeals to a few of the findings that were on the monitoring report. We have not heard back from this request.

Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Information Item - This month focuses on: **PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT** - *The leader effectively gathers, analyzes, and uses a variety of data to inform planning and decision-making consistent with established guidelines, policies, and procedures.*

Chairman Lee is please with all that Mrs. Almon does for the students and the staff. She does not give herself enough credit for the accomplishments that she makes on a daily basis.

Adjourn Meeting - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - all in favor
Meeting Adjourned at 6:24 pm.