

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

**October 16th, 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 at 5:35 By Tony Lee**

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present-** Board members present were: Chairman Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Sherri Cartwright (Called in by Phone), Erwin Thomas (Called in by Phone), and Patricia Goodman. All members were attended the meeting in person or by phone. School Leader Ginger Almon, CFO Lori Wilson, Data Coordinator Heather Page were present.

**Approval of September Minutes-** Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor.

**Approval of October 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 - No Comment**

#### **School Liaison (Ms. Avera)- No Comment**

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

- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item  
School bus safety week will be held Oct. 20th-24th. Monitoring Monday will be held on Oct. 20th. Several teachers will be at LETRS training on Oct. 21st. FAFSA Night for Seniors will be held on Oct. 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Media Center. There will be a Varsity home game on Oct. 23rd at 7:30. This will be Senior Night and a Tribute to Shawn Banks.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item  
SGSC currently has a total enrollment of 530. Student population excluding white not of Hispanic Origin = 30.75%
- **FTE Update-** Mrs. Heather Page shared an informational packet with the board that shows the FY 2026 Growth Projection, Enrollment, and FTE-1 information. The Board reviewed the packet. The total enrollment in May 2025 was 549. Current data shows a total enrollment of 530. FTE count in May 2025 was 526. Current FTE is 511. Several large families moved which caused a decline in enrollment and FTE.

### **Academic - Information Items**

- **Review of the Academic Requirements from SGSC** - Information Item  
The Board was given a packet that included Overall Designations, School Scores, Grade Band School comparison, Overall School Comparisons, Grade band district Comparisons, and Overall District Comparisons for all Charter Schools in Georgia. 59% of State Charter Schools outperformed the schools or districts their students would otherwise attend. SGSC exceeded the standards. This is the highest level that can be reached.

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

- **Approval of September Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor. The General fund reports ending in September 2025 were reviewed. 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 26.45%. Expenditures total at 25.35%. School Administration and Maintenance are elevated due to the datacom invoices paid in the previous month. Transportation is elevated due to the bus purchase in the previous month. The total fund equity for September 2025 is \$2,330,560.38. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased.
- **Cash Flow-** The general fund monthly actual cash flow for September 2025 is 100,047.65. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were higher due to the Datacom invoices and the bus purchase.

- **Approval of the September School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor- The school nutrition fund for September 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 27.22%. The expenditures total at 24.98%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$672,684.44.
- **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 September 2025.
- **Audit Update-** Information Item- At this time 96.07% has been accepted and 3.93% is still being reviewed. The audit is on track to be completed in good timing.

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

- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item  
Registration is not open for the governance training. Mrs. Almon notified the board members that registration is open for the November Macon training. All members are registered with the exception of Sherri Cartwright who will attend the later training.
- **Orchard Next Steps** - Information Item  
We will continue to work on the next steps for the orchard/athletic complex. No new information at this time.
- **Walkway from Middle/High School** - Information Item  
Two companies have measured the walkway areas. We are waiting to receive quotes to review.
- **Health and Safety Visit** - Information Item  
SCSC Facilities Director, Robert Watts, will be visiting SGSC on October 30th to inspect the new addition of the middle and high school to ensure that we are meeting all of the requirements on the rubric that is sent.
- **Upcoming SCSC Monitoring-** Information Item  
We received an introduction to the new monitoring cycle for the SCSC via webinar. All of the required information will be due October 31st by 12:00 am.
- **Resignation of Ag/Science Teacher** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor - The Board voted to approve the resignation of Ms. Cindy Fincher as the science/agriculture teacher from SGSC - effective October 17, 2025.
- **Updated Policies Related to Monitoring** - Action Item
  - Updates to the Title IX Grievance Policy - - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in Favor
  - F1 - Financial Policy updates - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor
  - FMLA Policy updates - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item  
LKES Standard 1 - Instructional Leadership - The board reviewed Mrs. Almon's performance related to Instructional Leadership. They concluded that she fosters student success by developing and implementing a shared vision for teaching and learning that leads to school improvement. Her team is actively involved in analyzing data, observing instruction, and ensuring curriculum and professional development are aligned with school goals.

**Adjourn Meeting** - 6:23 pm Chairman Lee motioned for adjournment. Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor.