Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting
October 22nd, 2026, 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 - 5:34 pm by Tony Lee
Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present -
Tony Lee, Chairman - Present
Chris Weathersby, Vice Chairman - Present
Patricia Goodman, Board Member - Present
Erwin Thomas, Board Member - Present
Sherri Cartwright, Board Member - Present
Mark Cox, Board Member - Present
Ginger Almon-School Leader and Lori Wilson- CFO - Present
Approval of August Meeting Minutes
Motion to Approve by Mark Cox, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor.
Approval of September Agenda
Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Mark Cox. 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
  Mrs. Almon provided the Board with a handout that showed upcoming events at SGSC which includes Monitoring Monday, SAT and PSAT administration, PLCs, Red Ribbon Week, and so much more.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
  SGSC currently has 552 students enrolled with a non white population of 34.24%.

Academic - Information Items

- **State of the School -** Information Item
  Mrs. Almon provided a handout to the Board that included enrollment information - 552 students with a non white population of 34.24%, attendance information - 95.03% attendance rate for the year so far, discipline data that includes the different categories with the number of referrals in each category - disorderly conduct and repeated offenses are the leading discipline category with each having 6 referrals for the year, and academic information, which was covered during the Beacon Testing presentation.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of August Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Mark Cox, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. All in favor. The General fund reports ending in September 2026 were reviewed. The school is 25.0% through the fiscal year. Revenues total at 25.35%. Expenditures total at 23.14%. The percentages of expenditures are lower or on track with the budget except for transportation. The bus purchase increased the transportation percentage. The total fund equity for September 2026 is $3,154,356.63. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased for the month of September.
- Cash Flow-The general fund monthly actual cash flow for September 2026 shows actual revenue was higher than estimated. Expenditures were less than budgeted.

- **Approval of the August School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor.The school nutrition fund for September 2026 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 25.10%. The expenditures total at 23.85%. Fund equity for SFN has increased this month. However, inventory is high due to the delivery schedule. SFN fund equity increased to 839,288.27
- **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 remains at 100. There were some calculated changes due to the bus purchase. However, all calculations are in excellent standing.
- **Audit Update-** Information Item- All information has been sent in to Mauldin & Jenkins. They are finalizing the report to send soon.

Governance - **Action and Information Items**

- **Campus Expansion** - Information Item- The Board discussed campus expansion and next steps in the process. The board will be moving forward with the bid process for finding a project manager for the entire project.There was an in-depth meeting to discuss the next steps in moving forward. Several different options for considering funding and ways to move ahead with securing a project manager for the entire project of building the cafeteria and gymnasium for the campus. Different options for location of these items on campus were discussed. Mr. King and Mr. Draffin will be sending a spreadsheet for Ginger and Lori to complete to help decide on an approximate funding amount.
- **SCSC Board Training Dates and Information** - Information Item
  The Board members have all decided to attend the SCSC Governance training in April 2027 in Macon, Ga. Registration has been completed for all board members to attend the Macon training in April.
- **SRO Car** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor. The SRO car was inspected by a local dealership. It was determined that there are issues with the car. The Board approved the sale of the car. First, they are going to see if the dealership that sold the car to SGSC would buy it back or help sell it. If that option is unsuccessful, the CFO will obtain more information regarding the car being sold at auction.

Adjourn Meeting - Motion to adjourn by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Mark Cox- all in favor

TIME ADJOURNED:_6:20_PM