

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

February 19th, 2026, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

AGENDA

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 By Tony Lee at 5:46 pm

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present- All Members were present. Tony Lee (Board Chairman), Chris Weathersby (Vice Chairman), Patricia Goodman, Sherri Cartwright, Erwin Thomas, Ginger Almon (School Leader), Lori Wilson (CFO) were present.

Approval of January Minutes- Motion to approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Patricia Goodman. All in favor.

Approval of February Agenda- Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. 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
There are numerous events in February that were brought to the attention of the Board members - upcoming sports dates, PLC dates, Book Fair, Pre-K Registration, field trips, and Career Fair to name a few.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
There are 527 total students at SGSC and a 31% non-white population
- **Results from Open Enrollment** - Information Item
We had approximately 50 students sign up during the Open Enrollment period at SGSC. There are currently 3 grade levels that are capped while many others are close to being capped.

Academic - Information Items

- **Readiness Scores from the CCPRI** - Information Item
SGSC outperformed the state in the area of Readiness in Elementary and High School. We outperformed many of the surrounding counties as well in this area. One main take away from the review of the readiness data is that we need to work on attendance and beyond the core at the high school level.
- **2026-2027 School Calendar** - Action Item
Motion to approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor. The staff was able to choose between two calendars and the calendar that had the majority vote was submitted to the board for approval.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of January Financial Report** - Action Item
Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor. The General fund reports ending in January 2026 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 61.10%. Expenditures total at 57.84%. School Administration, transportation, and Maintenance are leveling out closer to budget. The Committee discussed reviewing the budget and deciding on amendments in the upcoming months. The total fund equity for January 2026 is \$2,621,742.25. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased for the month of January.
 - Cash Flow- The general fund monthly actual cash flow variance for January 2026 is \$69,522.03. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were lower than budgeted for the month of January.

- **Approval of the January School Food Report** - Action Item
Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. The school nutrition fund for January 2026 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 69.18%. The expenditures total at 54.84%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$757,367.67.
- **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 100. The new monitoring results came in and the school gained the full 100 CPF points.
- **Single Audit** - Information Item
The Board reviewed the single audit that was completed. It was a clean audit with no findings for Fy 2025.
- **Discuss Upcoming Budget Amendment** - Information Item
The Board discussed possible changes to the FY 2026 budget. We are waiting to verify the midterm QBE allotment amount along with possible supplements that are waiting for approval in legislation.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item- All Board Members have completed their required annual training.
- **Comprehensive Performance Framework Results** - Information Item
The CPF scores indicate SGSC is exceeding in the Area of Academics, meeting in the area of Finance (100/100) and meeting in the area of Operations (98/100). The board members reviewed all of the results and are pleased with SGSC's performance.
- **Monitoring Results for FY26** - Information Item
At the time of the meeting, it appears that SGSC will have no findings related to the monitoring information that was uploaded in September of this year. Ginger Almon will continue to monitor to be sure we are complying with all directives related to monitoring from the SCSC.
- **Strategic Planning** - Information Item
Ginger Almon has reached out to GCSA to get an idea of pricing for their services to help with the strategic planning for the next 5 years at SGSC. More information to come.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
Board members discussed LKES Standards 4 related to the performance of the school leader and determined that Mrs. Almon fosters the success of all students by overseeing, managing, and supporting the SGSC's organization, operations, and use of resources.

Adjourn Meeting - 6:11 pm Chairman Lee Motion for adjournment. Motion made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas.