

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

November 17th, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

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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 - 6:02 pm by Erwin Thomas

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Board members present were: Chris Weathersby, Sherri Cartwright, Erwin Thomas, and Patricia Goodman. Mr. Tony Lee was not present for the meeting. School Leader Ginger Almon, CFO Lori Wilson were present.

Approval of October Minutes - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor.

Approval of November Agenda - Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 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
Ginger Almon shared upcoming events with the board to include scheduled basketball games, Thanksgiving break, and testing that will be in December.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
We currently have 526 students enrolled. 30.42% non white population.

Academic - Information Items

- **Review of the Content Mastery data from EOG/EOC towards CCRPI** - Information Item
SGSC currently serves 14 different counties: Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Marion, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, and Webster. Of those 14 different counties - SGSC outperformed all but Lee and Schley County in the area of content mastery in elementary, middle, and high school. Chattahoochee County Elementary did outperform the elementary in the area of content mastery. We are very excited to see this analysis and how well the teachers and students performed on the Milestones assessments.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of October Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor. The General fund reports ending in October 2025 were reviewed. The school is 33.33% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 35.73%. Expenditures total at 33.59%. School Administration and Maintenance are elevated due to the datacom invoices paid in the previous month. Maintenance is also elevated due to recent projects for drainage and sprinkler in modular buildings. Transportation is elevated due to the bus purchase in the previous month. The total fund equity for October 2025 is \$2,435,511.73. 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 October 2025 is 82,480.16. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were lower for the month of October.
- **Approval of the October School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor. The school nutrition fund for October 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 40.89%. The expenditures total at 32.89%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$709,809.34.
- **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 October 2025.

- **FY25 Audit-** Information Item- The financials for the audit are complete. Due to the government shut down, the federal supplement had not been released for the single audit portion to be officially completed. Mauldin and Jenkins do not see any findings or misstatements based on the previous year's supplement. However, they will need to wait for this year to complete this portion and confirm. The committee reviewed the financials that have been completed by mauldin and jenkins.
- **Review Christmas Bonus** - Information Item- The Board discussed the upcoming Christmas bonuses that were approved during FY26 budget adoption. This is included in the agenda to make the Board aware that the bonuses will be distributed in the November payroll.
- **Walkway Bid** - Action item- Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor. The Board reviewed 3 bids that were submitted for the walkway awning RFP. The companies that submitted the bids were Jarrell Burks, HiPoint Construction Consulting, and 3D Construction Company, LLC. Jarrell Burks was awarded the bid based on the scoring tabulation approved by the Board.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item
All Board members attended the Macon training session for their requirements for SCSC - with the exception of Sherri CARTwright, who will be attending the February 11th training in Atlanta. Ginger and Lori will work to set up a meeting for the board and the contact from the Peach Tax Credit session at the SCSC Governance training. Michelle Neely also shared that there will be a uniform survey system offered by the SCSC to all schools free of charge soon.
- **Health and Safety Visit Update** - Information Item
Mr. Robert Watts, Facilities Contact from SCSC, stated that we did a great job with everything and had no issues during his October visit.
- **Upcoming SCSC Monitoring Update** - Information Item
All items were submitted for the SCSC Monitoring collection cycle through Epicenter by the due date of October 31st. All data is lagging a year, so we are currently still awaiting the 24-25 CPF scores from SCSC.
- **December Luncheon for Staff** - Information Item
We will provide a luncheon for the staff on December 19th after early release.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
The Board reviewed LKES Standard 2: School Climate - Promoting the success of all students by developing, advocating, and sustaining an academically rigorous, positive, and safe school climate for all stakeholders.

Adjourn Meeting - 6:33 pm Erwin Thomas motioned for adjournment. Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All in Favor.