

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

March 24th, 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 By Tony Lee

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Tony Lee-Board Chairman, Chris Weathersby- Vice Chairman, Sherri Cartwright-Board Member, Ginger Almon-School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO

Approval of February Meeting Minutes - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor.

Approval of March Agenda - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 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

Special Guest - Jaclyn Colona - Georgia Peach Tax Credit (Virtual) - discussed options for the school to enroll to have tax payments directed to SGSC.

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item
The board was given a handout of upcoming events that included all sports events, Easter celebrations, field trips, and Spring Break!
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
There are currently 525 students enrolled at SGSC with a 30% non-white population.
- **Positions for 26-27 at SGSC** - Information Item
At this current time, we do know that we will have to seek a 5th grade math and science teacher for the 26-27 school year. We are currently having meetings with teachers and plan to have contracts out before the end of April.

Academic - Information Items

- **Overview of CCRPI Scores** - Information Item
The board reviewed the CCRPI scores for SGSC and the surrounding counties. Mrs. Almon stated that the SGSC Leadership Team will be devising a plan to work with all of the staff to develop a CCRPI goal for the upcoming testing. We are excited to see the progress that has been made over the years and will continue to be made in upcoming years.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of February Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor. The General fund reports ending in February 2026 were reviewed. The school is 66.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 69.55%. Expenditures total at 64.73%. School Administration, transportation, and Maintenance are leveling out closer to budget. However, next month will reflect supplements disbursed. The total fund equity for February 2026 is \$2,769,064.85. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased for the month of February.
Cash Flow- The general fund monthly actual cash flow variance for February 2026 is \$121,055.08. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were lower than budgeted for the month of February.
- **Approval of the February School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. The school nutrition fund for February 2026 was

reviewed. The revenues totalled to 87.81%. The expenditures total at 61.43%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$783,404.44.

- **CPF Point Calculation at this time** - Information Item- The general fund monthly actual cash flow variance for February 2026 is \$121,055.08. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were lower than budgeted for the month of February.
- **Discuss Upcoming Budget Amendment** - Information Item-The committee discussed the upcoming budget amendment. Maintenance and repairs will be increased. Supplements will be distributed by the State and a large portion will need to be disbursed from the General fund. This amount is over the purchasing threshold and will be an action item in the upcoming board meeting. We are still waiting on the midterm QBE amount to be given. At that point, the board will review an amendment.
- **State & Local Salary Supplement**- Action Item- Motion to approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. The Board Approved to use funds from the general fund to carry out the State's plan to distribute supplements to school staff.
- **Annual Evaluation of Cash Collection Procedures**- Action Item- Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. The Board completed the annual evaluation of the cash collection procedures and determined that no changes are needed at this time.
- **SCSC Approved Auditor Program**- Action Item- Motion to approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. The Board approved for Mauldin & Jenkins to complete the FY 26 Audit if they are approved in the SCSC Auditor Program.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **FY26 Governance Training** - Information Item
All board members have completed the required SCSC board training for FY26.
- **Monitoring Results for FY26** - Information Item
We are currently showing no findings in the Epicenter portal based on all documentation that was submitted earlier in the school year. We will keep the board updated if there are any changes.
- **Health and Safety Visit Results** - Information Item
The Health and Safety visit that took place in October by the SCSC showed that SGSC met in all areas.
- **Campus Expansion** - Information Item
The board discussed the needs for SGSC to have a cafeteria, gymnasium, and athletic complex included in upcoming expansion opportunities.
- **Amendment of Policy S9** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. The board voted to approve S9 - Technological Use Policy with additions regarding social media usage in school.
- **Strategic Planning with GCSA** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherrie Cartwright. The board voted to not enter into a contract with GCSA to develop a 5 year strategic plan for SGSC.
- **Accept Resignation of A. Bell for 26-27 School Year** - Action Item - Motion to Approve by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. The board approved the resignation of Mrs. Angie Bell, 5th grade math and science teacher at SGSC.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
The board discussed Mrs. Almon's performance related to LKES standard 5 - Human Resources Management. The board determined that Mrs. Almon and team are able to select, induct, support, and retain effective instructional and support staff.

Adjourn Meeting - 6:35 pm Chairman Lee Motion for adjournment. Motion made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright.