

## Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

June 15, 2023 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 School Website as well.

**Call to Order - 5:31 pm by Chairman Tony Lee**

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Chairman Tony Lee, Members - Patricia Goodman, Ervin Thomas, Chris Weathersby and Russell Nuti via Telephone. Ginger Almon, school leader and Lori Wilson, CFO were also present. Grant Ward resigned from the board.**

**Motion made to amend the agenda to accept the resignation of board member Grant Ward effective immediately. Motion to approve by Ervin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, All in favor.**

**Motion made to accept the resignation of Grant Ward from the board effective Immediately. Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, All in favor.**

**Approval of May Minutes - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, All in favor.**

**Approval of June Agenda - Motion to approve by Ervin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, 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 (Ms. Fincher) - none**

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

- **Athletics Information (Ben Crowdis) - Information Item -** JR High won state in the bass fishing tournament, Sports camps have been going on again this week. The weather caused them to end early. Football and basketball have started practice.
- **Upcoming Events - Information Item -** June 27 - there will be a bass fishing meeting for interest in the 23-24 school year. Softball practice will start after the 4th of July. We will also be having a STEM camp after the 4th of July. Kathy from the board office will be attending a boot camp training and some Infinite Campus training. 2 teachers will be going to the yearbook training that will be held at Auburn University. Bari Geeslin will be coming to work with staff on data input and output in the following week.
- **Enrollment Summary - Information Item -** The end of the year had us at an enrollment of 467. As far as attendance for the 23-24 school year, we have the following grades already capped with waiting list for many of them: Pre-K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12. 8th and 9th are almost at their limit and there is a little room left in 10th and 11th. We are pleased with our numbers.

#### **Academic - Information Items**

- **Milestones Data presentation - Information Item -** We will be meeting with Bari Geeslin to go over the data and look specifically at ELA scores. We have improved in our writing and also in our math. In writing each grade level started using the TREES method. We will go over this data more next month. A presentation of all data was given to the board for review. Kim Crowdis compiled the data to focus on attendance, categories and previous year's results.

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

- **Approval of May Financial Report - Action Item - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas, All in favor.** The General fund was reviewed. The school is 91.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage

to monitor spending. Revenues total at 98.28%. Expenditures total at 94.29%. The total fund equity for May is \$3,600,708.55. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased by \$1,362,414.82 when compared to July 2022.

- Cash Flow-The monthly cash flow for July through April shows that the total variance is \$29,143.38.
- **Approval of the May School Food Report** - Action Item - **Motion to approve by Ervin Thomas, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, All in favor.** The school nutrition fund was reviewed. The revenues total to 91.54%. The expenditures total at 100.34%. The fund equity total is \$371,653.13.
- **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 a 95 due to enrollment variance. There were no major changes in any of the CPF calculations for the month of May.
- **ARP ESSER III Update/Input** - Information Item- Esser budgets have been approved by GADOE. We are working towards ordering items needed for next school year.
- **FY 2024 Budget Adoption**- Action Item - **Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, All in favor.** The Board approved and adopted the FY 2024 proposed budget.

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

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item - Erwin and Lori had a phone call with Cameron Quick and Jim Griffin. They are both affiliated with USDA in regards to the loan that we will be working on getting to build the new school. There is a \$500 fee for their team to perform an assessment to determine what we need to pull together to get funding accomplished. Chairman Tony Lee put this to the board for a vote. Motion to pay the \$500 made by **Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, All in favor.**
- **Approval of New Hire** - Action Item - School Leader Ginger Almon presented a new hire for the 2nd grade, Sonja Griffin. **Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Ervin Thomas, All in favor.**
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item - This month is standard #5. Human Resource Management. The leader fosters effective human resources management through selection, induction, support, and retention of quality instructional and support personnel. Chairman Tony Lee states that he and the board are pleased with School Leader Almon in this area. They think that she does an excellent job.

**Adjourn Meeting - @ 6:27 p.m. Motion to approve by Ervin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby, All in favor.**