

## **Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting**

**September 18, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC**

### **AGENDA**

**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 at 5:31 By Tony Lee**

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

**Approval of August Minutes-** Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor.

**Approval of September 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 - No Comment**

#### **School Liaison (Ms. Fincher)- No Comment**

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

- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item  
The Board was given a list of upcoming athletic events including middle school softball and football games, as well as Varsity football and softball games - and cross country. We will have See You at the Pole on September 24th at 8:15 am on the football field. On October 2nd, we will have School Custodian's Day and On October 6th, we will have Coaches Day. October 6th-10th is Pre-K Week. October 8th, we will be getting the gym floors waxed. Then we will have Fall Break on October 9th-13th.
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item  
SGSC currently has a total enrollment of 534. Student population excluding white not of Hispanic Origin = 31.09%

### **Academic - Information Items**

- **Current State of Academics at SGSC** - Information Item  
The Board was given a packet that included comparison data of Georgia Milestones Assessment scores for all grade levels and content areas. Mrs. Kim Crowdis prepared the document that compared SGSC to area schools to see how we performed. She also compared SGSC directly to Randolph County since they are the school within our performance district. In the content area of math, most grade levels outperformed the state on the assessment. The reading standards changed for the 25-26 school year and we are staying on top of things, so that we can be prepared for the assessment.

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

- **Approval of August Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor. The General fund reports ending in August 2025 were reviewed. The school is 16.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 17.10%. Expenditures total at 18.02%. School Administration and Maintenance are elevated due to the datacom invoices paid. Transportation is elevated due to the bus purchase. The total fund equity for August 2025 is \$2,145,212.80. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased.
  - **Cash Flow-** The general fund monthly actual cash flow for August 2025 is -\$54,036.97 for the general fund. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were higher due to the Datacom invoices and the bus purchase.

- **Approval of the August School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor. The school nutrition fund for August 2025 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 13.36%. The expenditures total at 15.45%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$641,007.31.
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time** - Information Item- The general fund monthly actual cash flow for August 2025 is -\$54,036.97 for the general fund. Actual revenue was higher than the estimated revenue and the actual expenditures were higher due to the Datacom invoices and the bus purchase.
- **Audit Update-** Information Item- At this time 69.41% has been accepted and 7.06% is due to be uploaded. The audit is on track to be completed in good timing.

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

- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item  
Registration is not open for the governance training. Mrs. Almon will notify the board members when it is open for them to register.
- **Orchard Next Steps** - Information Item  
We will continue to work on the next steps for the orchard/athletic complex. No new information at this time.
- **Walkway from Middle/High School** - Information Item  
Two companies have measured the walkway areas. We are waiting to receive quotes to review.
- **Health and Safety Visit** - Information Item  
SCSC Facilities Director, Robert Watts, will be visiting SGSC on October 30th to inspect the new addition of the middle and high school to ensure that we are meeting all of the requirements on the rubric that is sent.
- **Upcoming SCSC Monitoring-** Information Item  
We will have an introduction to the new monitoring cycle for the SCSC via webinar. All of the required information will be due October 31st by 12:00 am.
- **SRO Police Car** - Action Item  
Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor. The Board approved the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet Impala Police Cruiser for the SRO.
- **New Hire Approvals** - Action Item  
Motion to Approve by Tony Lee, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All in Favor. The Board approved hiring Mrs. Lisa Nelson as a part time special education teacher that will serve 4th and 6th grades. The Board has also approved Mr. Dan Craft as a bus driver for the Weston/Preston Route and Mrs. Stephanie Cobb for the Art position.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item  
LKES Standard 8: Communication and Community Relations - Mrs. Almon produces a newsletter each week - found on Facebook and the school's website - for parents and community members. She actively posts on Facebook for the school and requires various communications from teachers to parents throughout the school year.

**Adjourn Meeting** - 5:48 pm Chairman Lee motioned for adjournment. Motion to Approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - All in Favor.