

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

December 16th, 2024, 5:00 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 @ 5:01 p.m.

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

Approval of November Minutes Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - all in favor

Motion To Amend the December Agenda to Change the Paving Decisions for the campus to an information item -Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - all in favor

Approval of amended 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 (Ms. Fincher) - none

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item - Christmas programs, Christmas luncheon for staff, and Christmas Break
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item - total of students at 523 with a 31.17% non-white.
- **2025 Graduation** - Information Item - Last year we spent around 1500 for stage and seating for graduation and still had to move to the gym due to weather. Andrew College has offered us the use of their facilities for a much lower price. All board members think that this is a wonderful idea.

Academic - Information Items

- **SGSC Milestone Scores Compared to State** - Board members were presented with a graphic to show which content areas and grade levels outperformed the state expectations. Math scores improved tremendously.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of November Financial Report** - Action Item -Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - all in favor. The General fund reports ending in November 2024 were reviewed. The school is 41.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 42.03%. Expenditures total at 51.47%. The total fund equity for November 2024 is \$2,613,123.67. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has decreased in the month of November. The decrease is due to the building acquisition expenditures.
 - Cash Flow- The general fund monthly cash flow variance for November 2024 is \$16,874.65 for the general fund less the building acquisition expenditures.
- **Approval of the November School Food Report** - Action Item -Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas - all in favor. The school nutrition fund for November 2024 was reviewed. The revenues totalled to 44.29%. The expenditures total at 38.62%. Fund equity for SFN increased to \$594,842.51.
- **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. Calculations continue to be in good standing. There are changes due to expenditures for building acquisition.

- **Facilities Project Budget** - Information Item- The facilities budget was reviewed. Expenditures are over budget due to change orders.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Paving Decisions for the Campus** - Information Item - The school has hired Still Water Engineering to give options on water removal near the new mod building and the athletic fields. They will also give options with price comparisons for paving on campus. Once the information is received, the board can make a decision and move forward with the bid.
- **Attendance Policy Amendments for High School** - Action Item - Action Item -Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright - all in favor. Mrs. Almon presented the board with information about high school EOC results and how the students that missed more than 10 days did not perform well. Missing more than 10 days in a semester on a block schedule will not allow for students to have meet the instructional time requirements, so she presented a new policy that would have high school students stay one hour after school for each period of class that they miss during the day. This would be required to earn the credit for graduation.
- **FY25 Governance Training** - Information Item - Board members have been given the different dates in February and April and have been asked to let Ginger and Lori know which they will attend. All members will attend the session in February - with the exception of Ms. Cartwright who will attend the Athens sessions in April.
- **SCSC Renewal Update** - Information Item - Extension for all schools until January 8th in order for the SCSC to send all of the needed information to schools.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item - LKES Standard 5: The Leader fosters effective human resources management through the selection, induction, support, and retention of quality instructional and support personnel. Everyone on the board is pleased with School Leader

Adjourn Meeting - @ 6:22 Motion to adjourn by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright- all in favor