

**SOUTHWEST GEORGIA S.T.E.M. CHARTER SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING  
# 1 July 30, 2020 - 5:30 P.M.  
Meeting 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.**

**Those in attendance were board members: Chairman Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Patricia Goodman, and Russell Nuti. Lisa Jones called in to the meeting. School Leader - Ginger Almon, CFO - Bill Cooling, and Federal Programs Director - Kadie Phillips. Visitor: Charlie Mathews attended.**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by Tony Lee, Board Chairman.

**ITEM 2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – Mr. Charlie Mathews

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Mathews stated that he was very proud of the school and our accomplishments. He said that he thinks that both schools in the area are improving. He stated that these things are what bring growth to the community.

**ITEM 4. MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA - add item 10 - Amend Bylaw Section 4 Item B**  
**Motion to Approve:** Patricia Goodman **Second:** Chris Weathersby **Vote:** All

**ITEM 5. PRESENTATION OF THE TENTATIVE FY21 BUDGET** – Bill Cooling, CFO, reviewed the handout on the FY21 Proposed Budget. He reviewed the sources of income from Grants and QBE allotments. Stated that over 3 million goes towards salaries. He also stated that the transportation portion of the budget will have a major change in August 2021 when the bus lease ends. This budget has a fund balance deficit reduction of \$278,739.00. This is the first public hearing on the proposed budget. Questions were welcomed from the visitor and the Board members, but there were none at this time.

All Board Members were given an electronic version of the policies that will be adopted during the meeting. They had time to review before the meeting.

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF Bullying Policy**

This policy takes the place of the previous policy related to bullying. No questions or comments from the Board members.

**Motion to Approve:** Patricia Goodman **Second:** Russell Nuti **Vote:** All

**ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF Nepotism Policy**

This is a new policy created for the school. No questions or comments from the Board members.

**Motion to Approve :** Russell Nuti **Second:** Patricia Goodman **Vote:** All

**ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy**

This is a new policy for the school. The Board members discussed some of the graphic language and nature of this policy, but decided to move forward with approval.

**Motion to Approve:** Patricia Goodman **Second:** Russell Nuti **Vote:** All

**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF Search and Seizure Policy**

This is a new policy for the school. No questions or comments from the Board members.

**Motion to Approve:** Chris Weathersby **Second:** Russell Nuti **Vote:** All

**ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF Amendment of the Board Bylaw Section 4 - Item B**

Increase the amount needed for board approval to \$10,000 from \$5000. All purchases \$10,000 or over require board approval and all purchases under \$10,000 only require school leader approval.

**Motion to Approve:** Chris Weathersby **Second:** Russell Nuti **Vote:** All

**ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF Financial Policies**

This is an improved policy that defines policy more clearly using lots of language from the LUA Manual.

**Motion to Approve:** Russell Nuti **Second:** Chris Weathersby **Vote:** All

**ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING @ 6:07 p.m.**

**Motion to Approve:** Chris Weathersby **Second:** Patricia Goodman **Vote:** All

Chairman Tony Lee thanked everyone for coming and reminded those in attendance that the 2nd public hearing will be held in the Media Center on August 6, 2020 at 5:30 pm.