

**SOWEGA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2017 @ 5:30 PM**

The Sowega STEM Charter School Board of Education held its regular meeting on February 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Paul Langford, Mr. Ottis Griggs, Mr. Tim Thompson, Mr. Marc Simpkins, and Ms. Amy Foster were present.

Mr. Tim Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Mr. Tim Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved with the following amended changes: addition of Executive Session Recommendations to #10 - Informational Items; addition of Recruiting Meeting Information to #10 – Informational Items; and, addition of Albany State University Strategic Planning Meeting information to #10 – Informational Items by a motion made by Mr. Ottis Griggs, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Tim Thompson recognized guests: Ms. Elisa Falco of the State Charter School Association; Mrs. Dawn Jones, Sowega STEM Charter School CFO; Mrs. Cindy Carlson, Teacher Representative; Mrs. Renee Gill; and Mrs. Margie Everett.

The Board voted to enter Executive Session with a motion made by Mr. Marc Simpkins, seconded by Mr. Ottis Griggs. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consensus Items:

- a. A motion made by Mr. Ottis Griggs, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins, to approve the February 23, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Ottis Griggs, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins, to accept the Resolution removing Joyce Blanton and Gina Schlumbrecht as authorized users on the school bank account. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Reports:

A motion was made by Mr. Ottis Griggs and seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins to accept the Financial Reports given by Mrs. Dawn Jones, CFO. The motion was approved unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

- a. Ms. Amy Foster presented the Director/Principal Report.
- b. Ms. Amy Foster presented the Academic Report.

- c. For State Assessments, Ms. Foster reported that the Georgia Milestones State Testing Window will begin April 18, 2017 and close on April 28, 2017. All Third and Fourth grade students are required to take the ELA and Math sections of the test. Fifth grade students will take the ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies sections of the test.

Personnel Recommendations:

Ms. Amy Foster reported that she will be advertising for teacher applicants certified in the field of Early Childhood Education for as a future personnel resource pool.

Informational Items:

- a. The following Executive Board recommendations were voted following Executive Session:

Item 1: A motion made by Mr. Ottis Griggs, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 2: A motion was made by Mr. Marc Simpkins, seconded by Mr. Ottis Griggs. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3: A motion was made by Mr. Ottis Griggs, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 4: The motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompson, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins. The motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Ms. Amy Foster distributed the Sowega STEM Charter School *Conflicts of Interest Disclosure* and *Conflict of Interest Policy* to the Board Members.
- c. Ms. Amy Foster distributed the Sowega STEM Charter School *Governing Board Commitment Agreement* to the Board Members.
- d. Ms. Amy Foster reported that Albany State University will be using our school for their upcoming Strategic Planning Meetings. The meetings will be held during after school hours.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Marc Simpkins, seconded by Mr. Ottis Griggs, for the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Time of Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Margie D. Everett

Minutes Approved: _____