

SOWEGA STEM CHARTER SCHOOL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

The Sowega STEM Charter School Board of Education held its regular meeting on May 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Paul Langford, Board Chairman; Mr. Tim Thompson, Board Member; Mr. Marc Simpkins, Board Member; Ms. Marla Chambless, newly appointed Board Member; and, Ms. Amy Foster, School Superintendent/Principal were present. Absent was Board Member, Mr. Ottis Griggs.

Mr. Paul Langford called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Mr. Paul Langford led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Paul Langford recognized guests: Mr. Jeff Homan, State Charter School Association; Mrs. Cindy Carlson, Teacher; Shel and Kay Standley, BJ and Danielle VanHousen, Mrs. Tammy Merritt, and Mrs. Margie Everett.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompson to approve the May 25, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda, with the following amendment: delete item #5c: Approval of summer office hours for office and administrative staff as recommend by principal. The motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompkins, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Marc Simpkins to approve the April 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Tim Thompson. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompkins to approve the March 2017 Financial Report, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Paul Langford gave a report on the status of the lunchroom and transportation projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Mark Simpkins to approve the Principal's recommendation for the CPA firm of Mauldin and Jenkins to conduct the school audit, seconded by Mr. Tim Thompson. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompson to approve the Principal's recommendation to advertise for bids for a full-time school custodian position, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Principal's Report:

- a) Ms. Amy Foster reported an increase in student enrollment for the 2017-2018 school term. She further reported that a *Notice of Enrollment* advertisement that included grades six and seven was sent to several surrounding counties to be published in their weekly newspapers.
- b) Mrs. Margie Everett, Test Coordinator, gave a brief report on the Preliminary GA Milestones End of Grade test results for grades three, four, and five.

A motion was made by Mr. Marc Simpkins, seconded by Mr. Tim Thompson to enter into Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon the exit from Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. the Board approved the following Principal's Recommendations:

- a. **New Hires:** A motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompson, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins, and unanimously approved.
- b. **Employee Pay Raise:** A motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompson, seconded by Ms. Marla Chambless, and unanimously approved.
- c. **Superintendent/Principal's Contract:** A motion was made by Mr. Marc Simpkins, seconded by Ms. Marla Chambless, and unanimously approved.
- d. **Re-Hires:** A motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompson, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins, and unanimously approved.
- e. **Approval of Assistant Principal Position:** A motion was made by Mr. Tim Thompson, seconded by Mr. Marc Simpkins, and unanimously approved.
- f. **Unemployment Claim Discussion:** A motion was made by Mr. Marc Simpkins, seconded by Mr. Tim Thompson, and unanimously approved.

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:32 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Margie D. Everett