Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Minutes of September 21, 2017

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by board member, Tim Thompson at 5:37 p.m. In attendance were Board members Ottis Griggs, Kuanita Murphy Board Chairman, Paul Langford and member Tarris Bivins arrived shortly after.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge was led by Tim Thompson.

3. Recognition of Guests – Amy Foster, Kristin Speegle, Dawn Jones, Frank Bennett, Talon Usher

4. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Ottis Griggs, second by Tim Thompson to approve agenda. Motion carried.

5. Approval of June 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by Ottis Griggs, second by Kuanita Murphy. Motion carried.

6. Approval of June 2017 Report – Motion to approve by Ottis Griggs, second by Tim Thompson. Motion carried.

7. Reports
   b. Principal’s Report – Principals report was presented by Amy Foster. Discussion was on enrollment, and the need to focus on governance and curriculum. Principal requested a weekly enrollment report. Student data tracking system needed to monitor student achievement. Teachers should be keeping a progression/achievement portfolio of each of their students. Committees announced: Discipline, Dress Code, Curriculum, Attendance. Dress code police is now on website. Georgia Department of Education attendance policy discussed briefly. Attendance incentives needed in place. Fire Marshall: One set of auditorium doors replaced. Emergency lights tested and are working. Progress reports are going out 9-22-17. The names of the EIP children are in. Schedule changes will go in effect the week of 9-23-17.

8. Public Comment

9. Executive Session – After a motion by Ottis Griggs and a second by Kuanita Murphy to go into executive session, the motion was carried. Session began at 6:11 p.m. and ended at 6:51 p.m.

10. Consensus Items
   a. Approval of Principal’s Personnel Recommendations – Motion to approve by Ottis Griggs, second by Kuanita Murphy. Motion carried.
   b. Approval of Central Monitoring Agreement - Motion to approve by Kuanita Murphy, second by Ottis Griggs. Motion carried.
   c. Approval of removal of two pine trees in front of the first grade building - Motion to approve by Tarris Bivins, second by Tim Pinson. Motion carried.
   d. Approval of the search a permanent lawyer - Motion to approve by Kuanita Murphy, second by Tim Thompson. Motion carried.
e. Approval of continuation of contract with Governance Support Specialist - Motion to approve by Kuanita Murphy, second by Ottis Griggs. Motion carried.

f. Approval of Finance Committee – Motion to approve by Kuanita Murphy, second by Tim Thompson. Motion carried.

g. Approval of new policies for student handbook - Motion to approve by Ottis Griggs, second by Tim Thompson. Motion carried.
   i. Bullying Policy
   ii. Dress Code Policy
   iii. Transportation Policy and Application – transportation policy suggestions presented by Ottis Griggs.
   iv. Enrollment Policy and Procedure

h. Approval of a new PTO Policy - Motion to approve by Kuanita Murphy, second by Tim Thompson. Motion carried.

i. Approval of Family and Community Engagement Plan – Motion to table by Tim Thompson, second by Ottis Griggs. Motion carried.

j. Approval to move forward with a mandatory pre-employment drug screening policy on high risk positions - Motion to approve by Kuanita Murphy second by Ottis Griggs. Motion carried.

k. Approval of contract for professional services for a school psychologist – Motion to approve by Paul Langford, second by Tim Thompson. Motion carried.

11. Information Items

12. Approval of adjournment of meeting – Motion to approve by Paul Langford, second by Tim Thompson. Motion carried.