

## 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**
  - a. Financial Report – Financial report presented by Dawn Jones.
  - 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**
- a. **Status of corrective action on Fire Marshall’s report.**
- 12. Approval of adjournment of meeting –** Motion to approve by Paul Langford, second by Tim Thompson. Motion carried.