

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter

Minutes of December 14, 2016 Regular Meeting at 5:00 pm

1. **Call to Order** –The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Paul Langford at 5:08 pm. In attendance were Board members – Marc Simpkins, Kenneth Hubbard, Tim Thompson, Ottis Griggs
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Marc Simpkins, second by Ottis Griggs to approve agenda. Motion carried.
4. **Recognition of Guests** – Special Guest Elisa Falco with the State Charter School Association. Also present: Joyce Blanton, Gina Schlumbrecht, Natalie Thompson, Holley Butler, Cindy Carlson, Mary Alice Hilton, Anita Usher, Carol Thompson, Emily Simmons,
5. **Executive Session** – After a motion by Tim Thompson and second by Kenneth Hubbard to go into executive session. Motion carried. Session began at 6:45 and ended at 8:15 pm.
6. **Consensus Items**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2016** – Correction to minutes on contribution from Thomas A Bagwell Foundation. Motion made to approve minutes with correction by Tim Thompson and second by Ottis Griggs. Motion carried
 - B. **Recommendations from Executive session** – No recommendations at this time.
 - C. **Pay Bills**
7. **Financial Reports** – Financial report presented by Gina Schlumbrecht. Discussion on use accounting software. Possible cut to funding based on projected enrollment vs. current enrollment.

8. Administrative Reports

A. Principal's Report – December 8 visit from Bright from the Start, the Pre-K program administrator. December 8 visit from State Charter School Commission Staff. Reports from both visits will be forthcoming. IRS approved extension of filing for tax exempt status. Board training in April. The Board needs to register. Floors need buffing over holiday, but the prisoners who worked on school during the summer are unavailable. Need to find someone to buff and wax building floors. Reminded staff of Chain of Command. Heat is still not working in the cafeteria.

9. Personnel Recommendations – None at this time.

10. Informational Items – Students have taken the 2nd benchmark math test and some classes have taken the reading benchmark. Mrs. Usher is in need of donations for basic rhythm instrument sets. The Title I computer lab is complete. The school network is up and running as well as the State provided free internet access. Teachers have received a school laptop to use for instruction. Fifteen ipads have been purchased with money donated by Georgia Feed. SOWEGA STEM signs need to be hung on 82. Intent forms for the FY18 school year went to teachers and are due by February 6, 2017. Staff were issued Conflict of Interest forms to sign and return.

11. Adjourn – Motion by Tim Thompson, second by Kenneth Hubbard to adjourn. Motion carried.