

## Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

### Minutes

**Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option due to COVID-19:  
Dial-in Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665 advertised on School  
Website as well.**

**Call to order by Chairman Tony Lee @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Members in attendance:** Chairman, Tony Lee, Vice-Chairman - Chris Weathersby, Lisa Jones, Patricia Goodman, Grant Ward, School Leader - Ginger Almon, CFO - Lori Wilson, Natalie Zajac – Special Education Director, and Kadie Phillips – Federal Programs Director.  
Call in to the meeting: Russell Nuti - Board Member, Visitor - Elisa Falco - From GCSA

**Approval of February Minutes** – No discussion needed. Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant Ward. All in Favor - Yea

**Approval of Amended Agenda – Executive Session for Personnel Matters** added to the agenda. Motion to approve – Patricia Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Jones. All in Favor - yea

**Public Comment** – Board welcomed Ms. Falco to the meeting. Asked if she had any items that she would like to discuss and Thanked them for having her and stated that she looked forward to working with the entire board.

### **School Leader's Report - Information and Action Items**

#### **Comprehensive Action Plan for SCSC Monitoring of SGSC - Action Item**

- Discuss the progress and when the CAP will be submitted. All items on the CAP have been addressed. All components of the Corrective Action Plan completed. School Leader Almon is requesting approval to submit CAP. Motion to Accept and submit clip by Chris Weathersby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant Ward, all were in favor – yea.

#### **20-21 Charter Contract Amendment - Information Item**

- Discuss the status of the Contract Amendment – The letter has been sent requesting the change to be made to allow the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. We are not asking for any other changes at this time. The Board Meeting will be held March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- March 31, 2021 SCSC Board Meeting

#### **21-22 School Calendar - Action Item**

- Approval of the 21-22 School Calendar for SGSC – no discussion needed. Motion to approve Lisa Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Goodman, All in favor - yea

### **Academic - Information Items**

#### **20-21 Georgia Milestones Assessment - Information Item**

- Discuss the decision about End of Grade Testing – Request submitted for a change in the testing dates due to COVID (quarantines, absences, etc). This approval was granted. Richard Woods from the DOE also recommended letting parents of the virtual students know that it is not mandatory for their children to come to school to take the test. These letters have been sent to the parents.

- Discuss dates for End of Grade testing – Dates have been changed from last two weeks of April to the first two weeks of May.

### **BEACON Testing - Round Two -**

- School Leader Almon is requesting that this data wait until the next board meeting to be discussed fully. The school was shut down for a day during testing. This has also not allowed any of the make-up test to be made. The board members were fine with this; this information will be added to the next meeting agenda. Preliminary data shows that gains have been made - this can be attributed to students becoming more familiar with the testing tools and quality Tier 1 instruction.

### **Finance - Action Items and Information Items**

- **Approval of February Financial Report** – Motion to approve – Chris Weathersby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Jones, all in Favor - yea
  - Cash Flow at this time was reviewed by the CFO
- **Approval of the February School Food Report - Action Item**
  - Reduction of the deficit due to the payment of 3500 for reimbursements. Motion to approve – Patricia Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Grant Ward, all in favor - yea
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time - Information Item**
  - Scored same as last month. 95 points

### **Governance - Action Items and Information Items**

- **Discuss upcoming Board Member training opportunities -**
  - April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am- 12:30pm - Last Training – All members have completed this training.
  - Complete 8 Modules – One board member has completed this, the others are working on this training.
- **Approval to match the State bonus to all staff at SGSC - Action Item**
  - Bonus for teacher retention using CARES 2 funds to match the amount allocated by the state to each position. Motion to approve – Chris Weathersby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Goodman. All in favor - yea
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Information Item**
  - Standard 5 - Human Resources Management - The leader fosters effective human resources management through selection, induction, support, and retention of quality instructional and support personnel – Chairman Lee along with all other board members think that School Leader Almon is going an exceptional job at this standard.
- **Enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters – Motion made by Lisa Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Weathersby, all in Favor – yea. Affidavit to enter executive session was completed.**
  - Personnel Matter
- **Exit out of Executive Session – Motion Made by Chris Weathersby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Jones. Motion made in meeting by Lisa Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Goodman**
- **Personnel Matter - Action Item**
  - Approval to end the employment of Marilyn Graham. Motion made by Lisa Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Goodman

**Adjourn Meeting – Motion made by Chris Weathersby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grant Ward @ 6:19 p.m.**