

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School  
Governance Committee Meeting  
December 9, 2020  
5:30 pm - SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - Chris Weathersby at 5:30 pm

Approval of November Minutes - Motion: Tony Lee      Second: Lisa Jones      Vote: All Yes

Approval of Agenda - Motion: Tony Lee Second: Lisa Jones      Vote: All Yes

Public Comment - None

**Harris Brown Fire Alarm**

We have decided to move forward with Harris Brown Fire Alarm Company. They will begin monitoring our system as soon as they update all the technical issues experienced from previous installation with Johnson Controls. Per the email that was sent between Johnson Controls and Kadie Phillips on September 14, 2019 - email from Matthew Cooling sent to Bill Cooling, Kadie Phillips, and Rommell May (Johnson Controls) stating that our account with Johnson Controls was "totally discontinued and terminated" and the adjustments were made to "clear the balance to zero." We should not owe Johnson Controls any money.

**Governance Training**

Board Member training opportunities

- o February 2nd from 8:30am-12:30pm
- o April 13th from 8:30am-12:30pm

These are virtual and they are free. Everyone must sign up for a date

**Chief Financial Officer**

Lori Wilson is the new Chief Financial Officer at Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School. She has been provided with a job description and signed a MOA with the school.

**Second Semester**

We will begin a full five day week during the week of January 19th - even though we only have a four day week that week due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We are excited to have the opportunity to pick up another day of instruction with our students. We also will mail letters to all of the parents/guardians of the students that are Full Distance Learners. We will be sending the letters that state they need a medical excuse if they continue Full Distance Learning. The letters will be mailed through Certified Mail - requiring a signature for receipt.

**Addition of Grade Levels**

The committee discussed the possibility of having a parent meeting ahead of the Board Meeting on January 21st to inform the 9th grade parents of the process that we are going to go through to appeal to the Georgia State Charter School Commission to add the 10th grade for the upcoming school year of 21-22. Our goal is to be as transparent as possible, so parents can plan appropriately for their child's 10th grade school year. We will finalize these plans at the next Governance Committee meeting on January 13, 2021.

**Adjourn - 6:17 pm**