

MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SOUTH CAROLINA WHITMORE SCHOOL  
501 Commerce Drive NE  
Columbia, SC 29223

June 9, 2022

**Call to order**

Shennice Cleckley called the virtual meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Attendance: 5 board members present**

Shennice Cleckley - Board Chair; Roger Sears- Secretary; Elizabeth Vice - Treasurer; Nancy Mandlove - Board Member; Antonio Simon - Board Member; Kim Dunbar - Executive Director; Ebone Adams - Principal; Annette Havens - Director of Teacher Quality and Support; Amber Goff - Director of School Counseling; Katelyn Thomas - Office Manager; Maria Head - Prestige School Solutions.

**Public comments**

None

**Approval of minutes -**

Roger Sears made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 board meeting. Shennice Cleckley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Roger mentioned setting up approval of bylaws annually in January of every year. Roger motioned to approve the bylaws as presented. Shennice seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial update**

Maria Head, from Prestige School Solutions, explained the reports through May 21, 2022 and the remaining budget line balances. The school is still working on federal funding submissions. The remaining total expense percent is 12%, which is above the projected 8%.

The FY23 projected budget was read for the second time and discussed. An explanation of the increased amount of funds paid to Prestige for this current month, due to the assistance needed to submit federal funding packets. A 2% increase in salaries for all full time employees is included in the budget.

Elizabeth Vice motioned to approve the proposed budget for FY23. Stig Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Principal's Report**

Ebone Adams explained how the students have done overall this school year, compared to the

previous year with the transition to the new curriculum. So, 53% of SCWS 2022 graduates earned at least a 3.0 or higher. The SCWS graduation rate increased from 58.9% to 63.4% in 2022 the official number will not be available until September. One of the contributing factors to this increase is the fact that SCWS hired a person to solely track students who are no longer with the school.

The student college and career readiness, 51% of SCWS graduates will attend a 2 or 4 year college. This year 5 student received the Jessica Munyon Scholarship. This year 3 students will receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. The class of 2022 currently received \$720,000 in scholarships. So, 49% of SCWS students will enter the work force. In addition, 54% of students earned a Silver, Gold or Platinum higher on their WorkKeys assessment. The School ended the year with 452 students.

### **Executive Director's report**

Kim Dunbar spoke about how Brannon Carter, the SCWS Data Scientist, has used data to make changes to courses, as well as, how to update policies and procedures.

There was one legislative update. Board meetings will have to start live streaming by July 2023.

Kim brought up that we will be holding voting for new board members. There has been contact with Alliance to have them set up the ballots so that there is no conflict of interest brought up. It was discussed how we plan to recruit candidates for new board members.

### **Adjournment**

Roger Sears motioned to adjourn. Stig Rasmussen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Board Meeting - September 8, 2022**