



Midlands STEM Institute

Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

112 Crane St, Winnsboro, SC 29180

Call to order and Welcome, Chairman Thomas, who also read the mission statement.

Invocation - Mark Johnston

Pledge of Allegiance - Dan Campbell

Confirmation of a Quorum - Lauren Beck

Confirmation of Notice of Public Meeting - Cynthia Prince

Roll Call--present in person were Kevin Thomas, Wes Welch, Dan Campbell, Lauren Beck, Mark Johnston, and Cynthia Prince. Emily Estep was present on Zoom.

Public Comment:

- Ms Robertson-
- Ms McFarlan

A. Chairman's Report:

Dan Campbell made a motion to rearrange the agenda. Mark Johnston seconded. Presentation from Steve Hubrich regarding new building. Intention is to start clearing over the summer after DHEC issues the required permit.

Dan Campbell made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters, legal briefings, updates and personnel matters. Mark Johnston seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:27pm. The board will take any action deemed necessary and appropriate in open session following the Executive Session.

B. Executive Session:

No action was taken in Executive Session. Dan Campbell a motion to exit Executive Session and reenter Open Session. Mark Johnston seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous

C. Action Items

1. Mark Johnston made a motion to approve the March Budget Report. Emily Estep seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.
2. Wes Welch made a motion to appoint Kizzie Smalls to replace Stephen Gilchrist. Mark Johnston seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.

D. Executive Director's Report

1. Enrollment Report. Currently at 210 (and 39% African American). We have 199 returning students (7 are graduating out and 6 are not returning). We have 39 new applications submitted already.
2. Staffing report. Discussion to put together a staffing survey to determine underlying drivers of teacher retention.
3. Discussion surrounding releasing a statement to parents and community regarding new building and groundbreaking.
4. Teacher appreciation is May 2-5.

E. Adjournment: Mark Johnston made a motion to adjourn. Dan Campbell seconded. There was no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Lauren Beck secretary
April 17, 2023*