



Midlands STEM Institute

Board Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

112 Crane St, Winnsboro, SC 29180

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

Invocation - Wes Welch

Pledge of Allegiance - student _____

Confirmation of a Quorum - Lauren Beck

Confirmation of Notice of Public Meeting - Louise Cathcart

Roll Call--present in person were Kevin Thomas, Dan Campbell, Mark Johnston, Emily Estep, Lauren Beck, Mike Kelly, and Wes Welch. Kizzie Smalls and Cynthia Prince joined via zoom.

Public Comment:

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B. Action Items

1. Emily Estep made a motion to approve personnel item number 1. Mark Johnston seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous. Personnel item number 1 is to reinstate Mrs Grimsley to the classroom due to concerns regarding due process. She will report to Mrs Cathcart for the remainder of the school year.
2. Dan Campbell made a motion to alter the agenda to move facilities discussion up. Wes Welch seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.
3. Facilities update.
4. January budget report (which includes revised Mid Year Budget) is based on 45 day count (237) presented by Bill Zelleny. Dan Campbell made a motion to adopt the revised budget. Mark Johnston seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.
5. 2024-2025 Academic Calendar discussion: modified year round vs traditional. Based on the TRUSA recommendation we will continue with a traditional calendar. Lauren Beck made a motion to approve the traditional calendar. Emily Estep seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.

C. Executive Director's Report

1. Enrollment is at 244
2. Mr Grimsley presented the proposed dress code.
3. Mr Grimsley gave an overview of PLTW.

D. Chairman's Report

1. Enrollment marketing plan.
2. Financial Consultant Update: Russ Caldwell spoke about USDA process. Russ will be taking on the PAR. Letters of recommendation have been obtained. The website is coming along well.

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E. Action Item

1. **Emily Estep made a motion to adopt the leadership portion of the TRUSA recommended organizational chart. Mark Johnston seconded. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.**

Adjournment

1. Dan Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Wes Welch seconded. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Beck secretary February 12, 2024