



Midlands STEM Institute

Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2022

112 Crane St, Winnsboro, SC 29180

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

Invocation - Kevin Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance - Mark Johnston

Confirmation of a Quorum - Emily Estep

Confirmation of Notice of Public Meeting - Cynthia Prince

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

Public Comment: No public comment.

A. Action Items

1. Dan Campbell made a motion to approve the December Board Minutes as presented. Mark Johnston seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.
2. Emily Estep made a motion to approve the December Budget Report. Wes Welch seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.
3. Academic Calendar 2023-2024. Dan Campbell made a motion to approve the proposed calendar. Mark Johnston seconded.

B. Executive Director's Report

1. Enrollment Report. Currently at an alltime high of 216 (and 41% African American). We have sent out intent to return forms. We are already seeing registrations coming in.
2. Stembotics Presentation (Madelynn and Brandon student presenters). Team RocketForge presented their robot "Rocky" and discussed their upcoming competition at State on 2/24/23.
3. Erskine School of Distinction award. April 4, 2023 will be the presentation time TBA. Invitation to follow.
4. Teacher/Staff of the month: Kelly Brown and Candice Lucas. Student of the month: Layla Wilkes (k5)
5. SRO update: several interviews have taken place and hoping to have someone in place next week.
6. LeapFrog program and early college program will be expanding to 7th grade next year. Last year there were 4 students, this year there are 6 students, and we are hoping to expand next year.
7. Graduation date: May 25, 2023

E. Chairman's Report:

Dan Campbell made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, legal briefings, updates and personnel matters. Emily Estep seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:06 pm. The board will take any action deemed necessary and appropriate in open session following the Executive Session.

F. Executive Session:

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

G. Adjournment: Mark Johnston made a motion to adjourn. Dan Campbell seconded. There was no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Lauren Beck secretary
February 13, 2023*