



Midlands STEM Institute

Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2022

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.

**Public Comment: No public comment.**

#### **A. Action Items**

1. Mark Johnston made a motion to approve the December Board Minutes as presented. Dan Campbell seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.
2. Wes Welch made a motion to approve the December Budget Report. Mark Johnston seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.

#### **B. Executive Director's Report**

1. Enrollment Report. Currently at an alltime high of 210 (and 39% African American). We have sent out intent to return forms. We are already seeing registrations coming in.
2. Teacher of the month February: Ms Salley. Staff RJ Brown. March: Ms Wright and Ms Boyd.
3. Teacher/Staff of the year: Ms Bhoorasingh, HS science. Louise Cathcart is staff of the year. Student of the month: Maxwell Williamson 8th grade. Landon Killius is primary student of the year.
4. Vote to increase Teacher of the Year and Staff of the Year award to \$1000. Mark Johnston made a motion to approve. Dan Campbell seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous.
5. Six students were sent to compete in the science fair, two of which received awards including Most Innovative.
6. March Madness raffle for athletic department.
7. Senior Trip: 7 seniors going to Pigeon Forge, TN, there is a GoFundMe on school facebook page and other fundraisers throughout the rest of the year. Deadline before April 7th.

#### **E. Chairman's Report:**

Mark Johnston made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, legal briefings, updates and personnel matters. Wes Welch seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was unanimous. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:26 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. Dan Campbell a motion to exit Executive Session and reenter Open Session. Mark Johnston 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  
March 20, 2023*