

SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2019

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Garrett Wilcox, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools
Hugh Kight, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools
Barry Waller, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools
Brad Anderson, Superintendent, Treutlen County Schools
Larry Calhoun, President, Southeastern Technical College

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Betts, Business Representative
Andy Kimbell, STC Board Representative
Melissa Barrow, Parent Representative, Montgomery County
Clint Williams, Board Representative, Toombs County
Allen Rice, Business Representative

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Josh Kelly, Board Representative, Treutlen County
Tommy Smith, Parent Representative, Toombs County Schools
Henry Price, Board Representative, Montgomery County Schools
Cathy Middleton, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools
Bruce Asberry, Board Representative, Vidalia City Schools BOE
Fred Godbee, Business Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Shelly Smith, CEO, SECCA
David Avery, High School Director, SECCA
Tim Smith, Advisor
Scott Barrow, Montgomery M/HS Principal

In the absence of Chair Henry Price, Shelly Smith called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm. The invocation was given by Garrett Wilcox and the board reviewed the 2018 vision and goals. On a motion by Clint Williams and second by Don Betts, the board approved the agenda. On a motion by Don Betts and second by Clint Williams, the board approved the November 15, 2018 meeting minutes.

Shelly Smith thanked board members for attending the interviews conducted as a part of the TCSG certification team visit January 14-16. She also shared the results of the visit: certification granted with

full compliance on 96 of 97 standards. The single requirement for improvement is the posting of signage in the career academy that represents business and industry partners and the jobs they offer. Recommendations for board consideration include the addition of more business and industry leaders to the board of directors, the development of a fund-raising campaign, and the creation of a succession plan for career academy leadership. The board, staff, superintendents, and leaders were commended for their focused and effective work on behalf of students.

Mrs. Smith explained that little additional work on the strategic plan goals has been completed since the last report in November. The intervening Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks combined to create nearly a full month away from school. Another update will be given at the next board meeting.

David Avery and Shelly Smith shared a video showing Ohio manufacturers who have organized and led summer camps to generate student interest in the manufacturing sector. The board discussed the possibility of recreating these camps for SECCA students. Several board members agreed to help SECCA leaders design a plan and recruit businesses to participate.

David Avery, High School Director, reported that teachers have begun using a work ethic and soft skills assessment rubric in SECCA courses. Students rate themselves on each behavior, and teachers rate the students as well. The results are included in the grades students earn each nine-week period. A copy of the rubric was distributed for board review. Mr. Avery also told the board that the JROTC will conduct a drill meet at SECCA on January 26, and they will hold the annual military ball on Saturday, February 16.

On a motion by Melissa Barrow and second by Clint Williams, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be held March 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Henry Price, Chair

Shelly Smith, Secretary