

SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2020

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Calhoun, President, STC
Henry Price, Board Representative, Montgomery County
Garrett Wilcox, Superintendent Vidalia City
Hugh Kight, Superintendent Montgomery County

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Kimbell, Business Representative
Don Betts, Business Representative
Kelly Tippett, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools
Clint Williams, Board Representative, Toombs County
Chris Hartley, Business Representative
Melissa Barrow, Parent Representative, Montgomery County
Debbie Evans, Business Representative
Michele Johnson, Business Representative
Allen Rice, Business Representative

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Bruce Asberry, Board Representative, Vidalia City Schools BOE
Ronald Baker, Parent Representative, Treutlen County
Josh Kelly, Board Representative, Treutlen County
Fred Godbee, Business Representative
Tommy Smith, Parent Representative, Toombs County Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Shelly Smith, CEO, SECCA
David Avery, High School Director, SECCA
Tim Smith, Advisor
Donna Collins, SECCA Instructor
Sabrina Campbell, Special Programs Coordinator

Chair Henry Price called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm. Mr. Price offered an invocation, and the board reviewed the school vision and goals. On a motion by Clint Williams and second by Don Betts, the board approved the agenda. On a motion by Clint Williams and second by Kelly Tippett, the board approved the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes.

David Avery shared the final per student cost of SECCA operation in fall semester, 2019. Based on enrollment of 433 students, the per student charge is \$576. The State of GA reimbursement per segment is \$549 in FY 20. Therefore, the provision of all additional pathways at SECCA costs districts only \$26 additional per segment.

At the request of Ms. Smith, Don Betts shared a potential strategy to recruiting students for a manufacturing pathway at SECCA. Local manufacturers have critical need for skilled and dependable workers, and SECCA's role in workforce development dictates additional attempts to establish and maintain a manufacturing course of study. Dubbed M², Make It – Move It, the strategy would include a summer camp focused on critical manufacturing and logistics skills to be followed by courses offered at SECCA. The Board expressed support for the strategy and recommended beginning the initiative with a meeting of area manufacturers and logistics companies to be held at SECCA in February.

On a motion by Clint Williams and second by Don Betts, the meeting was adjourned and board training on strategic planning began with Dr. Lynn Plunkett.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be held March 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Henry Price, Chair

Shelly Smith, Secretary