**SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**January 20, 2022**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Michele Johnson,** Business Representative

**Debbie Evans**, Business Representative

**Bruce Asberry**, Board Representative, Vidalia City Schools BOE

**Don Betts**, Business Representative

**Clint Williams,** Board Representative, Toombs County

**Fred Godbee,** Business Representative

**Chris Hartley,** Business Representative

**Garrett Wilcox**, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools

**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:**

**Tommy Smith,** Parent Representative, Toombs County Schools

**Allen Rice**, Business Representative

**Andy Kimbell**, STC Board Representative

**Henry Price**, Board Representative, Montgomery County

**Josh Kelly,** Board Representative, Treutlen County

**Melissa Barrow**, Parent Representative, Montgomery County

**Ronald Baker**, Parent Representative, Treutlen County

**Kelly Tippett,** Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Shelly Smith,** CEO,SECCA

**David Avery,** High School Director, SECCA

**Sabrina Campbell,** SECCA Coordinator

**Tim Smith,** Advisor

Don Betts, Board Chair, called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm. Shelly Smith offered an invocation, and the board reviewed the school vision and goals. On a motion by Clint Williams and second by Fred Godbee, the board approved the agenda and the minutes from October 2021.

The board discussed member attendance, noting that several members have not been able to attend meetings. On a motion by Don Betts and second by Fred Godbee, the board unanimously voted to contact those who have not been present to ask if they wish to continue as a member or wish to rotate off the board. Shelly Smith will also contact superintendents regarding parent representatives and school board members who have been absent.

Shelly Smith updated the Board on the Make It – Move It manufacturing class. The board reviewed the attached document listing lessons learned and possible adjustments to the course. Additionally, Michele Johnson suggested that SECCA use the YouScience results from Toombs and Vidalia eighth graders to customize a career fair featuring local businesses and industry. Chair Don Betts commended the businesses and the schools for their efforts to make the course meaningful and successful. He offered special thanks to Dr. Wilcox and John Sharp for their provision of a facility for the class as well as a class monitor.

David Avery shared current enrollment data as reflected on the attached document. As of January 20, enrollment at SECCA was 374 students, one of the highest second semester enrollment figures. Work-Based Learning enrollment stood at 168 with combined hours worked of 47,203 and total earnings during first semester of $432,788. Toombs County had an additional 79 Work-Based Learning students employed.

Mr. Avery shared highlights from SECCA pathways. Healthcare students have collected and made donations to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Eleven automotive technology students earned ASE certification. Cosmetology students had a 100% pass rate on the End of Pathway Assessment. In the energy pathway, 6 students tested and all earned Energy Industry Fundamentals certification; 10 earned OSHA certification; and 35 students earned certification in Snap-On Tool Tape and Rule Measurement. Students also participated in job shadows, and data analytics certification will soon be added to the energy class sequence. JROTC does not recruit for the military, but six students joined the armed forces last semester. Three students joined the National Guard with two receiving a $10,000 signing bonus, one receiving a $20,000 signing bonus, and all three having college tuition funded. Two students joined the regular army with one receiving an $8000 bonus. Finally, one student joined the Navy. The six students represent all four SECCA high schools.

Required annual board training was scheduled for March 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Dinner will be served.

On a motion by Clint Williams and second by Bruce Asberry, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

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Don Betts, Chair Shelly Smith, Secretary