

SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Asberry, Vidalia City BOR Representative
Melissa Barrow, Montgomery County Parent
Fred Godbee, Business Representative
Michele Johnson, SECCA Board Chair, Toombs-Montgomery Chamber
Stan Rentz, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools
Kelly Tippett, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools
Barry Waller, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools
Clint Williams, Board Representative, Toombs County

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Brad Anderson, Superintendent, Treutlen County Schools
Ronald Baker, Parent Representative, Treutlen County
Holt Barwick, Business Representative
Don Betts, Business Representative
Larry Calhoun, Southeastern Technical College, President
Debbie Evans, Toombs-Montgomery Chamber
Chris Hartley, Business Representative
Josh Kelly, Board Representative, Treutlen County
Andy Kimbell, STC Board Representative
Henry Price, Board Representative, Montgomery County
Alan Rice, Business Partner
Kelly Tippett, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools
Garrett Wilcox, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Sharpe, CEO at SECCA, Director of High School Programs
Sabrina Campbell, SECCA Marketing Director
Scott Barrow, MCHS Principal
Donna Collins, SECCA WBL
Kip Hart, SECCA Energy
Amy Gillies, SECCA Unmanned Flight

Michelle Johnson, Board Chair, called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm. Stan Rentz offered an invocation. On a motion by Fred Godbee and second by Stan Rentz, the board approved the agenda and the minutes. The Vision and Goals were reviewed.

Michelle Johnson, Board Chair, presented the Conflict of Interest Policy, and each Board member was asked to sign, agreeing to adhere to the terms and conditions of the policy.

Mr. Sharpe, CEO, presented a request of a Field Trip for the Automotive students to take to the National Hot Rod Youth & Education Service in Gainesville, Florida. The students took a similar trip last school year. Fred Godbee motioned and a second by Barry Waller to approve the field trip. The board approved the motion.

Mr. Sharpe presented the Director's Report.

- Sabrina Campbell reported on the Career and Readiness Plan that is underway at SECCA. She shared activities for students throughout the month which will end with a Career Fest at SECCA on February 28th.
- Donna Collins shared plans for HYPE (Helping Youth Prepare for Employment) initiative. The plan is to partner with local professionals and work with our students to help build a stronger, more productive workforce. The plan is to start the pilot program in the fall of 2023.
- We have hosted Toombs and Vidalia Middle Schools for a tour of SECCA. Montgomery County Middle School will visit on February 10th and we are going to set up a date for Treutlen County.
- We will host SECCA School Middle and High School Counselors for a lunch meeting on February 23rd.

Automotive

- Auto students are learning about time management by having a rotational schedule on when they will be in the shop.
- Students are learning about steering and suspension systems and brake systems.

Cosmetology

- In addition to expanding our salon skills, students have been exploring their future goals.
- The college and career readiness campaign has forced my students to think, navigate through various college websites, and set goals.

Drone

- Three students that will test for the FAA Part 107 this semester
- Treutlen student has already been approached about taking drone photos for real estate
- Planning a field trip to the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins

Energy

- Energy pathway students are currently focused on generation. In conjunction with this, power plant field trips are underway. This semester small groups will visit Scherer (coal), Vogtle (nuclear), and McIntosh (natural gas).
- With funding from a Workforce Development grant, students will begin next week on a Snap-on certification program - **Precision Measurement: Angles**. Additional students from all schools will join Energy students for this 4-day course, taught by Dr. Hart, using the combination square and steel protractor

Healthcare

- Students in healthcare classes have recently had lessons in how to manage stress and anxiety and how to find help and resources available to them. Some examples of coping mechanisms that were taught included guided imagery sessions, aromatherapy, and music therapy.
- Students are learning test taking strategies and how to improve study habits. The second class in the healthcare pathway is heavily based in anatomy and physiology which can be overwhelming. The students were shown tips and tricks on how to study better and manage test anxiety. They have already started putting the knowledge gained from these two lessons to use and the students are excited to see positive results.
- Healthcare students had Blake Brooks, athletic trainer and instructor from Vidalia high school come and give a presentation on what athletic training looks like and what information is taught in his Sports Medicine class. Sports medicine is a class that is available to our students to complete the pathway.

JROTC

- Participated in MLK Parades in Mt. Vernon and Vidalia
- Military Ball is February 17th at the Vidalia Community Center
- Get Color Guards for Basketball Games
- Place 4th this weekend at the Statesboro Drill Competition this weekend and will compete at Bryan County this weekend. Will host a drill competition on February 11th.

TAP

- We are planning to have a TAP Signing/Lunch in the Spring.

WBL

- There is a new program that allows students to take a WBL class in the summer

Fred Godbee motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Barry Waller. Motion passed. After the meeting, Dr. Barrow gave a tour of Montgomery County High School. Refreshments were served.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 at 6:00 pm, and will be hosted by Treutlen County.

Michele Johnson, Chair

John Sharpe, Secretary