

**SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 23, 2023**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Ronald Baker**, Parent Representative, Treutlen County  
**Don Betts**, Business Representative  
**Henry Price**, Board Representative, Montgomery County  
**Garrett Wilcox**, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools

**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:**

**Brad Anderson**, Superintendent, Treutlen County Schools  
**Bruce Asberry**, Vidalia City BOR Representative  
**Melissa Barrow**, Montgomery County Parent  
**Holt Barwick**, Business Representative  
**Larry Calhoun**, Southeastern Technical College, President  
**Debbie Evans**, Toombs-Montgomery Chamber  
**Fred Godbee**, Business Representative  
**Chris Hartley**, Business Representative  
**Michele Johnson**, SECCA Board Chair, Toombs-Montgomery Chamber  
**Andy Kimbell**, STC Board Representative  
**Stan Rentz**, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools  
**Alan Rice**, Business Partner  
**Kelly Tippett**, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools  
**Barry Waller**, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools  
**Clint Williams**, Board Representative, Toombs County

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**John Sharpe**, CEO at SECCA, Director of High School Programs  
**Sabrina Campbell**, SECCA Marketing Director  
**Michelle Branham**, Toombs County High School Counselor  
**Alice Heath**, CTAE Director for Treutlen County  
**Melissa Morris**, Toombs County High School Principal  
**Brandon Tucker**, Treutlen County High School Principal

John Sharpe, SECCA CEO, called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm and offered an invocation. On a motion by Henry Price second and by Ronald Baker, the board approved the agenda and the minutes. The Vision and Goals were reviewed.

Mr. Sharpe, CEO, requested that Sabrina Campbell, as Marketing Director for SECCA, and Lisa Avery, as Teaching as a Profession Director, be approved for the 2022-23 school year. Henry Price motioned and a

second by Don Betts to approve both staff members. The motion was approved after all Board Members were contacted by email.

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 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Our staff will be intact for next year. Full time staff are recommended through Vidalia
- We may be getting back with you about a paraprofessional position for the last six weeks of school to work with the JROTC
- We hosted the District Transition Alliance meeting at SECCA this week
- SECCA was featured in the GaDOE Federal Programs newsletter
- Thanks to Senator Tillery, \$1.5 million is in the current state budget for additional classrooms for SECCA

### **WBL**

- There is a new program that allows students to take a WBL class in the summer
- Mrs. Collins will be meeting with Administration at Toombs and Vidalia about the Hype Program
- 113 students in WBL are projected to make over \$600,000 (\$5,000 average per student) this school year

### **Automotive**

- Thanks to Mrs. Collins (WBL Instructor), one of our MCHS students has been hired at the auto parts store in Mt. Vernon
- We are looking at the possibility of being ASE Certified in our Automotive program. Benefits include:
  - Free On-Line Training
  - Students hired at 17
  - National Recognized certified school
  - Potential for resources from vendors

### **Cosmetology**

- Mrs. Moore is going to Treutlen's Career Fair to try and recruit students for the program
- She is having professional come in as guest speakers

### **Drone**

- 2 students passed the FAA Part 10 and 2 students passed the FAA Part 107
- Mr. Sharpe, Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Pye toured Griffin Career and College Academy. They are a regional Career Academy and offers all Dual Enrollment classes and also offers an aviation pathway
- The class took photos and videos for a virtual tour of Toombs Corporate Center for the Chamber of Commerce

### **Energy**

- Three student shadowed at Trane this week
- Mini Career Fair will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> with Georgia Power and Altamaha EMC
- Dr. Hart has been visiting schools to make they aware of Energy program

- An engineering based field trip for students to Georgia Transmission has been planned for April in Tucker, GA
- Students Completed first Snap-on Training for certification in angle and in gage measurement
- Dr. Hart is currently serving on a committee to refresh the Energy Industry Fundamentals curriculum that is used nationwide

### **Healthcare**

- Working on anatomy and all the body systems. The second health care class can count for a science credit
- Professional guest speakers are speaking to the class, making students aware of the many healthcare careers opportunities

### **JROTC**

- Held a successful Military Ball on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Vidalia Community Center
- 5 of our Drill Teams qualified for state drill competition this weekend in Griffin
- The Middle School Programs at Vidalia and Toombs have been successful
- Looking to have a Military signing in May for cadets who will be enlisting in the military

### **TAP**

- We are planning to have a TAP Signing/Reception in May
- Looking at applying for a \$10,000 grant for promotion/recruitment of students in the TAP Program

After the meeting, Mr. Tucker gave a tour of Treutlen County High School. Refreshments were served.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held on a date and time to be determined.

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Michele Johnson, Chair

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John Sharpe, Secretary