

SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2018

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Waller, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools
Hugh Kight, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools
Henry Price, Board Representative, Montgomery County

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Barrow, Parent Representative, Montgomery County
Don Betts, Business Representative
Andy Kimbell, STC Board Representative
Larry Calhoun, President, Southeastern Technical College
Clint Williams, Board Representative, Toombs County

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Allen Rice, Business Representative
Josh Kelly, Board Representative, Treutlen County
Cathy Middleton, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools
Bruce Asberry, Board Representative, Vidalia City Schools BOE
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
Sabrina Campbell, Marketing/Career Counseling Coordinator
Donna Collins, WBL and TAP Instructor
Scott Barrow, Montgomery County HS Principal
Dr. Ginger Morris, Vidalia Federal Programs Director

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. The invocation was given by Scott Barrow, 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 Clint Williams and second by Don Betts, the board approved the August 16, 2018 meeting minutes.

Don Betts updated the board on his trip to Washington, DC, representing SECCA at the new Communities of Faith and Opportunity Summit. Don explained that SECCA was asked by Mike Beatty, Director of the Communities of Faith and Opportunity within the US Department of Agriculture, to share our vision, organization, and accomplishments. Some 25 communities from across the nation shared their stories of community development. Vidalia and SECCA are positioned to become one of the 20 proposed Communities of Faith and Opportunity with the support of the USDA and special appointees within various sectors of the national government. Mr. Betts has proposed a health and wellness initiative that would involve Meadows Regional Medical Center as well as the agricultural, civic, educational, and religious community members. The board approved the continued study of the plan as put forth by the USDA.

Sabrina Campbell shared progress on career counseling efforts in local schools. YouScience, the state-funded interest and aptitude assessment, will be administered in November to all students enrolled and SECCA. Selected teachers from each member high school will be trained in the administration of the assessment and interpretation of results on November 1. Parents and students will receive counseling on career opportunities and will be given tours of local industries that relate to their areas of strength.

Mrs. Campbell also updated the board on SECCA's progress in establishing an energy pathway in the fall of 2019. She and Instructor. Kip Hart attended an energy summit in the Atlanta area and will soon visit a model energy program at the Henry County career academy. As a part of the discussion of the summer energy camps held at SECCA, Don Betts suggested the creation of multiple summer camp opportunities at SECCA.

David Avery, High School Director, reported that Teaching as a Profession students attended the Georgia Southern TAP conference sponsored by Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE). JROTC Raiders completed the year with a third-place finish in region competition. Enrollment in SECCA is increased with 405 students currently attending classes.

Mr. Avery also shared positive budget figures. With small increases in state funding and increases in student participation, the per segment cost of SECCA courses will be much lower than in years past, requiring only \$30 local dollars to cover costs. The board discussed the possibility of increasing the minimum per segment charge in order to maintain a reserve fund balance. School districts will be billed each semester with charges based upon number of student segments in fall and spring semesters.

Shelly Smith reminded members of board training to be conducted by Lynn Plunkett on October 25 as a part of the recertification process. Board members were also asked to hold the dates of January 14-16 for the recertification team visit.

On a motion by Clint Williams and second by Hugh Kight, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be held November 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Henry Price, Chair

Shelly Smith, Secretary