

Rochester STEM Academy
District #4204
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 5:00 p.m.
Rochester STEM Academy 415 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN

Call to order: Mohamoud Hamud called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Abdulkadir Abdalla, Zach Jones, *Abdullahi Ali Yare (Arrived at 5:18pm)

Absent:

Others present: Robert Procaccini, Bryan Rossi, Abdi M., Tom H., Dave M.

Vision

Rochester STEM Academy will embed STEM immersion into all aspects of its programming, culture, and operations to support students from lower-income families becoming confident and skilled in STEM-related higher educational and employment opportunities.

Mission

The mission of Rochester STEM Academy is to provide a highly supportive learning environment for minority, immigrant, and other students currently underserved in traditional area high schools and greatly underrepresented in Rochester's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) industries through a challenging program that emphasizes creativity, accountability, ongoing assessments, college-preparation, and high academic achievement.

Approval of the agenda:

Motion: To include the audit in the agenda.			
Made by: Mohamoud Hamud		Seconded by: Zach Jones	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

***Abdullahi Ali Yare arrived at 5:18pm.**

Motion: To approve minutes from September 16, 2015 and October 14, 2015			
Made by: Mohamoud Hamud		Seconded by: Zach Jones	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Business:➤ **Board Motions/Actions**

Motion: To approve the audit.			
Made by: Adulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion: STEM adopted new accounting guidance GASB No. 68			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve financials from September and October, 2015			
Made by: Adulkadir Abdalla		Seconded: Zach Jones	
Discussion: Projections are based on 80 ADM			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve Mohamed Mohamed as Interim Office Manager at \$16/hour.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Adulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: Mohamed Mohamed has filled in for Rochester STEM Academy as Interim Office Manager and has done really good job. Mohamed Mohamed is a good fit as Interim Office Manager. Rochester STEM Academy plans to seek out an Administrative Assistant, starting in the Spring of 2016.			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve monthly lease for \$13,604.00.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion: Monthly rent-\$9,724.00 + monthly CAM-\$3,880.00 = \$13,604.00. Reducing the CAM could benefit Rochester STEM Academy.			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

***Adulkadir Abdalla left the meeting at 6:20**

Motion: To approve \$2,000 IBM grant.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion: Food service fund is operating at a loss.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve Dr. Bryan Rossi as the designated Identified Official with Authority (also Responsible Authority) for Rochester STEM Academy.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion: Food service fund is operating at a loss.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Other business:

Director's Report

There are currently 80 students enrolled as of 11/17/15

Rochester STEM Academy received two awards from Novation Education Opportunities.

Rochester STEM Academy has 17 students enrolled in PSEO at RCTC.

In December, Rochester STEM Academy anticipates 14 students to take the Accuplacer test. The students who pass the test will be enrolled in PSEO at RCTC.

Artist in Residence, Frank Sentwali has been a very positive effect on school climate.

There will be a SEMAC Artist Show held at Rochester STEM Academy on February 17th, 2016 by C. Anthony Huber.

Rochester Women's Magazine interviewed some of Rochester STEM Academy's female poets.

Rochester STEM Academy will be housing a Community Feast put on by Marnita's Table from 6:00pm-8:00pm on December 1, 2015. Rochester STEM Academy has 28 students signed up to volunteer for this event.

Comments from Community Members: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:32 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 20th, at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Rochester STEM Academy teacher.