

Rochester STEM Academy
 District #4204
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Monday, May 23, 2016 5:00 p.m.
 Rochester STEM Academy 415 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN

Call to order: Abdulkadir Abdalla called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Abdulkadir Abdalla, Zach Jones, Abdullhai Ali Yare, Mohamoud Hamud, Mohamed Abdalla

Absent:

Others present: Bryan Rossi, Chuck Speiker via phone

Vision

A community focused school providing a rigorous STEM education.

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.

Voting of Vacant board seat:

Motion: To vote Mohamed Abdalla into the vacant board seat.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Ali Yare	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

*Mohamoud Hamud joined the board meeting at 5:05pm

Approval of the agenda and minutes:

Motion: To approve the agenda and the minutes from March 16, 2016			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Business:

➤ **Board Motions/Actions**

Motion: To approve financials from March and April, and the FY2017 budget.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Ali Yare	
Discussion: The FY2017 budget needs to reflect the \$10,000 allocated for recruitment.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve the school calendar for FY2017, health department contract, hiring a promise fellow, and adjustments to benefits costs and salary for the director.			
Made by: Ali Yare		Seconded: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: The health department contract reduces services to education only, no cost. The promise fellow is a full-time, year long position to help struggling students. The promise fellow would cost the school \$7,200. The Director is willing to cancel his insurance plan, if given a slight increase in his salary. This would save the school \$3,000.			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve the grievance policy			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve and certify the 2017 board election results.			
Made by: Ali Yare		Seconded: Zach Jones	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Other business:

The 2017 lease proposal will be decided at the June 15 board meeting.

Comments from Community Members:

Meeting Adjourned: 6:05 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15th, at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Rochester STEM Academy teacher.