

Rochester STEM Academy
 District #4204
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Wednesday, January 20, 2016 5:00 p.m.
 Rochester STEM Academy 415 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN

Call to order: Zach Jones called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.
Board Members Present: Abdulkadir Abdalla, Zach Jones, Abdullhai Ali Yare
Absent: Mohamoud Hamud
Others present: Robert Procaccini, Bryan Rossi, Chuck Spiker, and David Shultz

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 approve the agenda			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Approval of the minutes:

Motion: To approve minutes from November 18, 2015			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Abdullhai Ali Yare	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Business:

➤ **Board Motions/Actions**

Motion: To approve financials from November and December			
Made by: Adulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion: Enrollment needs to go up to financially support increased PSEO enrollment.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To complete signature card for Venture Bank and remove Jill Leet-Otley			
Made by: Adulkadir Abdalla		Seconded: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve credit card application from Venture Bank			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Adulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

***Mohamoud Hamud joined the meeting by phone to listen to the director's report.**

Motion: To approve the director's report and all the approvals within.			
Made by: Adulkadir Abdalla		Seconded: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion: Enrollment increased. NWEA test scores were good. Mohamed Guled has taken over the tasks and responsibilities of resigned Abdul Artan. Morris Memorial expects us to follow protocol and pay what has been negotiated. The lease expires at the end of the year, and we will have to renew the lease. MACS minimum membership dues for 2016 are \$194.58 per month. Oliveto's donated \$500 to Rochester STEM Academy. Policy review committee to plan procedures for grievance.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Other business:

Board development: plan training for current board members.

Board Recruitment: Plan election process.

Rochester Women's Magazine published an article that included three young women from Rochester STEM Academy.

Comments from Community Members: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:42 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16th, at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Rochester STEM Academy teacher.