Rochester STEM Academy
District #4204
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 21, 2016 5:00 p.m.
Rochester STEM Academy 415 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN

Call to order: Mohamoud Hamud called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.
Board Members Present: Abdulkadir Abdalla, Zach Jones, Abdullhai Ali Yare, Mohamoud Hamud
Absent:
Others present: Robert Procaccini, Bryan Rossi, Chuck Speiker

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.

Approval of the agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda			
Made by: Zach Jones	**Seconded by:** Ali Yare		
Discussion:			
Vote:	**Yea:** 4	**Nay:** 0	**Abstain:**
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Approval of the minutes:

Motion: To approve minutes from January 20th, 2016 and February 16th, 2016			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	**Seconded by:** Zach Jones		
Discussion:			
Vote:	**Yea:** 4	**Nay:** 0	**Abstain:**
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Business:

➢ **Board Motions/Actions**

Motion: To approve financials from January and February & to approve revised budget.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	**Seconded by:** Zach Jones		
Discussion: $80,000 loss budgeted for PSEO students. Secondary Education under budgeted.			
Vote:	**Yea:** 4	**Nay:** 0	**Abstain:**
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

*Zach Jones left meeting, 5:45pm

Motion: To approve the director's report and all the approvals within, including the 2016-2017 teacher contracts.			
Made by: Mahamoud Hamud	**Seconded:** Ali Yare		
Discussion: Teachers have all agreed to the 2016-2017 contract, and have signed them.			
Vote:	**Yea:** 3	**Nay:** 0	**Abstain:**
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To amend the bylaws, striking the words, "students enrolled at Rochester STEM Academy who are at least 18 years of age."			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	**Seconded:** Ali Yare		
Discussion: Amendment will be more in line with state law.			
Vote:	**Yea:** 3	**Nay:** 0	**Abstain:**
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Other business:
Board Elections for two open seats. An election committee was established consisting of Mahmoud Hamud, Abdulkadir Abdalla, and Bryan Rossi to oversee the process and present election results to the Board.

Comments from Community Members:
Meeting Adjourned: 6:55 pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18th, at 5:00 pm
Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Rochester STEM Academy teacher.