

Rochester STEM Academy
District #4204
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Nov. 19, 2014 5:00 p.m.
Rochester STEM Academy 415 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN

Call to order: Jill Leet-Otley called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jill Leet-Otley, Abdulkadir Abdalla, Zach Jones, Abdullahi Ali Yare, Mohamoud Hamud

Absent:

Others present: Bryan Rossi, Robert Procaccini, Tom Hodnefield

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-No objections- Unanimously approved.

Approval of the minutes from Sept. 17, 2014: Motion to approve – No objections-Unanimously approved.

Business:

➤ **Board Motions/Actions**

Motion: To approve the FY 2014 Audit			
Made by: Mohamoud Hamud		Seconded by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: The audit was clean; there were no findings			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously approved			

Motion: To approve financials from Sept and Oct			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 5	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Unanimously approved			

Other business:

Committee Reports - Finance – FY15 budget amendments were proposed due to lower than projected enrollment.

Policy – 3 policies were introduced for first reading: 514 Bullying; 701 Fund Balance; 726 Third Party Billing, Special Education Tuition Billing

Director's Report – Bryan gave us an enrollment update. We are still down from our projected enrollment, but are slowly inching into the 80's. Student academic performance results were included in the annual report presented in hard copy. We need to clarify board members terms and put in the minutes next meeting. Board training will take place on Sat. Jan. 17th in the cities and is being provided by NEO free of charge.

New Business: Jill solicited ideas to revise the current vision and mission statements.

Comments from Community Members: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 7 pm

Next Meeting: Jan. 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jill Leet-Otley, Rochester STEM Academy, board chair and acting secretary