

Rochester STEM Academy  
 District #4204  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
 Wednesday, September 21, 2016 5:00 p.m.  
 Rochester STEM Academy 415 16<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Rochester, MN

**Call to order:** Mohamoud Hamud called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.  
**Board Members Present:** Zach Jones, Mohamoud Hamud, Abdulkadir Abdalla  
**Absent:** Mohamed Abdalla  
**Others present:** Bryan Rossi, Robert Procaccini, and Wendy Swanson Choi

***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 and minutes:**

<b>Motion:</b> To approve the agenda.			
<b>Made by:</b> Zach Jones		<b>Seconded by:</b> Mohamoud Hamud	
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 3	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Motion carries unanimously			

<b>Motion:</b> To approve the minutes from August 24, 2016 with corrections, and the amended minutes from June 15, 2016.			
<b>Made by:</b> Abdulkadir Abdalla		<b>Seconded by:</b> Zach Jones	
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 3	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Motion carries unanimously			

**Business:**

<b>Motion:</b> To approve financials from August, 2016			
<b>Made by:</b> Abdulkadir Abdalla		<b>Seconded by:</b> Zach Jones	
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 3	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Motion carries unanimously			

<b>Motion:</b> To approve the IMAA Awareness Grant			
<b>Made by:</b> Abdulkadir Abdalla		<b>Seconded by:</b> Zach Jones	
<b>Discussion:</b> The school would get \$2,500 from this grant, for work that was done last year.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 3	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Motion carries unanimously			

<b>Motion:</b> To appoint Ayan Mumim to the open board seat to finish Abdullahi Ali Yare's term.			
<b>Made by:</b> Mohamoud Hamud		<b>Seconded by:</b> Zach Jones	
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 3	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Motion carries unanimously			

<b>Motion:</b> To approve the PSEO Policy			
<b>Made by:</b> Zach Jones		<b>Seconded by:</b> Abdulkadir Abdalla	
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 3	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Motion carries unanimously			

**Other business:**

With projections of increased enrollment, Rochester STEM Academy will need to look into the student capacity limit of the current building. If RSA's current building can't hold the amount of students that are projected to be here for the 2017-2018 school year, RSA will need to look for a new building to house more students.

**Comments from Community Members:**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:07 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Vice Chair and Secretary