

Rochester STEM Academy
District #4204
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 26, 2015 5:00 p.m.
Rochester STEM Academy 415 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN

Call to order: Mohamoud Hamud called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

Absent:

Others present: Robert Procaccini, Hussein Hussein

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 June 17: Motion to approve – No objections-Unanimously approved.

Business:

➤ **Board Motions/Actions**

Motion: To approve a renegotiation of rent for current student enrollment, and withhold September rent payment. To approve a renegotiate food contract and services with Munna Halal			
Made by: Adulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion: Rochester STEM Academy doesn't have as many enrolled for 2015-2016 as 2014-2015.			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve financials from June and July, 2015			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: July revenue based on 100 ADM			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To have board meetings every other month.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: Same as previous years.			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve Board Policy on Depository Designation and Electronic			
Made by: Mohamoud Hamud		Seconded: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay:	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve a interfund transfer of \$32,031.90 from General Fund to Food Service Fund			
Made by: Mohamoud Hamud		Seconded: Abdullahi Ali Yare	
Discussion: Food service fund is operating at a loss.			
Vote:	Yea:	Nay:	Abstain:
Decision:			

Other business:

Director's Report

Student enrollment is down from our projections. There are currently 71 students enrolled as of 8/26/15. If enrollment doesn't go up we will need to rework our budget for FY2016.

We hired a new Science teacher, Matthew Latus, and a new Math teacher, Rob Newshutz.

Rochester STEM Academy is leading all Rochester High Schools in enrolled college students.

With the director of the school absent, the following items were on the agenda but will be brought up at the next board meeting on September 16th, 2015.

- Approval of Directory Information
- Approval of Newspaper of Record (Rochester Bulletin)
- Approval of Auditor for next FY
- Set date of Annual meeting and board elections
- Employee terms of engagement
- Employee and Student/Parent Handbook
- Board Development and recruitment.

Comments from Community Members: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:12 pm

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

Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Rochester STEM Academy teacher.