

Rochester STEM Academy
 District #4204
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:00 p.m.
 Rochester STEM Academy 415 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN

Call to order: Mohamoud Hamud called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.
Board Members Present: Mohamoud Hamud, Zach Jones, Abdulkadir Abdalla
Absent: Ayan Mumin, Mohamed Abdalla
Others present: Bryan Rossi, Robert Procaccini, John Cairns, Tunde Shonoiki

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.

Joint meeting with RMSA to discuss the new building project:

*4:21pm – joint meeting in session.

Motion: To approve the three contracts with POPE Architect & Sworn Construction (Benson-Orth Associates Inc.) for the new building project and renovations.			
Made by: Mohamoud Hamud		Seconded by: Zach Jones	
Discussion: There will be a guaranteed maximum price (changes can’t be made). Rochester STEM Academy needs to be back in the building by January 1, 2019. According to John Cairns, our attorney, worst case scenario Rochester STEM Academy will be back in the building by February 1, 2019. All money spent for this project will go through Bryan Rossi, Abdulkadir Abdalla, and Tunde Shonoiki (Real Estate Agent/Owner Rep).			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

*4:40 joint meeting adjourned.

Approval of the agenda and minutes:

Motion: To review and approve the agenda, and the minutes from May 15, 2018			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Business:

Motion: To approve the financials from April and May, 2018 and the FY2019 budget.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Zach Jones	
Discussion: Deed Grant was completely spent. \$9,261 general fund balance (13.2% increase). \$21,000 food loss but a \$28,000 loss was budgeted. \$208,000 cash flow. Robert thinks this was a very good year financially. FY2019 Budget – Change ADM to 140, projected to raise fund balance to 17.6%.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve the depository and electronic transfer authority.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Zach Jones	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve the new hires/termination.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: Termination: Abdisellam Ahmed. New Hires: Sally Durand (Ph.D in ESL/Linguistics) at \$59,783 fulltime ESL teacher. Daniel Zacharda (BS, licensed in Social Studies) at \$37,762 fulltime Social Studies.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Other business:

Motion: To approve board updates and FY2019 meeting schedule.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Mohamoud Hamud	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve Bryan Rossi's contract for FY2019 as Executive Director with a 2% increase.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded by: Mohamoud Hamud	
Discussion: Committee reviewed Dr. Rossi's performance from 2014-2018. Bryan will continue to			

keep this school moving in the right direction.			
Vote:	Yea: 3	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision:	Motion carries unanimously		

Food Services (Muna Halal or Hog Thai) needs to be voted on in July.

Comments from Community Members:

Meeting Adjourned: 5:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Vice Chair and Secretary