

Rochester STEM Academy  
 District #4204  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
 Wednesday, August 29, 2018 4:00 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 4:13 p.m.  
**Board Members Present:** Mohamoud Hamud, Zach Jones, Abdulkadir Abdalla  
**Absent:** Ayan Mumin, Mohamed Abdalla  
**Others present:** Ali Yare, 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.*

**Approval of the agenda and minutes:**

<b>Motion:</b> To review and approve the agenda and the minutes from June 26, 2018 and July 24, 2018.			
<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			

**Business:**

<b>Motion:</b> To approve the consent agenda items.			
<b>Made by:</b> Abdulkadir Abdalla		<b>Seconded by:</b> Zach Jones	
<b>Discussion:</b> The consent agenda items are: Annual designation of depository – Venture Bank is our bank of record; Annual delegation of authority for electronic fund transfers (EFT); Annual designation of signers on school bank accounts – Hamud and Bryan; Annual Designation of Newspaper of record (Post Bulletin); Pledge of Allegiance waiver; Annual Charter School Assurances for MDE (no change from last year); Board Roster and FY2019 Board Meeting Dates.			
<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 financials from June and July 2018.			
<b>Made by:</b> Zach Jones		<b>Seconded by:</b> Abdulkadir Abdalla	
<b>Discussion:</b> Fund balance is at \$277,194 (added \$91,375). Cash balance is at \$191,581. The school is getting paid on 135 students. Total estimated holdback is at \$15,604 at the start of the 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 approve new hires Sally Durand, Daniel Zacharda, Tony Sang, Yasmin Sulayman.			
<b>Made by:</b> Zach Jones		<b>Seconded by:</b> Abdulkadir Abdalla	
<b>Discussion:</b> Sally Durand (Pending Ph.D, MN License) will teach ESL and her contract will be \$59,783.00. Daniel Zacharda (B.A., MN License) will teach Social Studies and his contract will be \$37,762.00. Tony Sang (M.S. Engineering, MN Waiver) will teach Math and Engineering. Yasmin Sulayman will be hired as a paraprofessional.			
<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 Premier Security contract of \$29.76 per hour.			
<b>Made by:</b> Abdulkadir Abdalla		<b>Seconded by:</b> Zach Jones	
<b>Discussion:</b> This cost will include a marked security vehicle on campus.			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> 3	<b>Nay:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b> Motion carries unanimously.			

**Comments from Community Members:**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:38 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Vice Chair and Secretary