

Rochester STEM Academy
 District #4204
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Wednesday, November 28, 2018 5:00p.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: Mohamoud Hamud, Zach Jones, Abdulkadir Abdalla, Ayan Mumin,
Absent: Mohamed Abdalla
Others present: Bryan Rossi, Robert Procaccini, Andy Hering, Wendy Swanson-Choi (via phone).

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:

Motion: To review and approve the agenda and the minutes September 19, 2018.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Zach Jones	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Business:

Motion: To approve the FY2018 audit.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Zach Jones	
Discussion: Financial activity is good. It was a clean audit with a very good rating. No findings or instances within all three categories: financial, internal control, and legal compliance. Rochester STEM Academy may want to consider switching the debit card to a credit card.			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve the financials from September and October, 2018.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded by: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: Current ADM is at 145, and we budgeted with 135. A revised budget has been started and will be presented at the January board meeting. \$305,000 in the bank at the end of October. Cash flow is strong; \$154,323 is the estimated cash balance. Net income is at \$65,728. Robert and Bryan will discuss plans to figure out how to get the most lease aid, and determine which account rent checks need to come out of.			
Vote:	Yea:	Nay:	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously			

Motion: To approve the director's report.			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded by: Zach Jones	
Discussion: This will approve the acceptance of the following grants: MDE Security grant (\$45,000), IMB Grant (\$2,000/Phil Oliveto), Salvage (John Kruesel), COMPAS (\$14,420/Spoken Word), IMAA (\$2,100/Somalia Youth), Best Buy (\$1,200/video grant with Children's Museum). This will approve the MACS annual membership form. Bullying has been a problem at Rochester STEM Academy and the board would like to see the strict consequences from the bullying policy followed. If bullying continues it could damage the image of the school.			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously.			

Other Business:

Motion: To approve the Annual Report and World's Best Work Force Summary.			
Made by: Zach Jones		Seconded by: Ayan Mumin	
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: 4	Nay: 0	Abstain:
Decision: Motion carries unanimously.			

- a. Dr. Rossi will send out a survey for the board to complete to determine a board development plan.
- b. National Honor Society presented a proposal to help fund a leadership conference. The board will continue to review and discuss.

Comments from Community Members:

Meeting Adjourned: 6:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Zach Jones, Vice Chair and Secretary