



School Name: Rochester STEM Academy		
Date: April 13 th , 2020		
Address: 415 16 th St. SW, Rochester, MN 55902		
Board Member Names:	Present	Absent
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X	
Ayan Mumin		X
Mohamoud Hamud	X	
Mustaf Hagi	X	
Daniel Zacharda	X	
Others Present:		
Corlis Hicks (Rochester STEM Academy Special Education Teacher/Fencing Coach)		
Sarah Schlake (Rochester STEM Academy Interim Executive Director)		
Jean Neuman (Novation Education Opportunities) Authorizer Representative		
Dr. Mohamed Saadalla (Rochester STEM Academy Arabic/Engineering Teacher)		
Robert Procaccini (School Finance Team)		
Franklin Fletcher (School Finance Team)		
Megan Caron (Rochester STEM Academy English Teacher)		
1. Call Meeting to Order		
By: Mohamoud Hamud	Time: 1:14pm	
School Vision: A community focused school providing a rigorous STEM education.		
School 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.		
2. Community Comments:		
(None)		
3. Request for any Conflicts of Interests		
(None Presented)		

4. Approval of the Agenda			
Motion: To approve agenda with purposed amendment			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Mustaf Hagi	
Discussion: Board Chair Mohamoud Hamud requested an amendment be added to the agenda pertaining to the release of student/family data to the board. The amendment was included on the agenda for board approval			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0		
5. Approval of Board Minutes			
Motion: To approve Board Minutes from February 19 th			
Made by: Daniel Zacharda		Seconded By: Abdulkadir Abdalla	
Discussion: (None)			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0		
6. Financial Report			
Motion: To approve Rochester STEM Academy Financials for February and March			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Daniel Zacharda	
Discussion: The School Finance Team (Robert Procaccini and Franklin Fletcher) gave a detailed report into the school finances and financial reports. The board noted that the revised budget must be approved by June.			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain

Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0		
7. Approval of School Budget			
Motion: To approve Revised School Budget for Rochester STEM Academy			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Daniel Zacharda	
Discussion: The School Finance Team (Robert Procaccini and Franklin Fletcher) gave a detailed report into the revised school budget. The board expressed concern that vendors need to be paid as normal, despite distance learning currently being conducted. An emphasis was placed on ensuring the food, transportation, and PSEO financials are being paid as normal.			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0		
8. Directors Report			
Discussion:			
9. Board Elections			
Motion: To approve Board Election Committee's plans to conduct School Board Elections			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Mustaf Hagi	
Discussion: Board members Abdulkadir and Mustaf gave a brief presentation of their plans for conducting upcoming School Board Elections. The Board noted Board Chair Mohamoud Hamud nominated board members Abdulkadir and Mustaf to serve on this committee. The School Board Election Committee plans to have Amina Hassan and Sihad Lohos deliver paper ballots to families houses in order to conduct the school board election.			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin	Absent		
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		

Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:	4	0	0
Decision:	Motion Passes 4-0		
10. Board Access to Student/Family Data			
Motion: To approve board access to student/family data			
Made by:		Seconded By:	
Discussion: The Board Chair requested access to family data citing it as “Directory Information”. Interim Executive Director Schlake expressed concern that accommodating such a request may be a violation of FERPA. The Board Chair stated after consultation with the Charter Board Association, the Board is an agent of Rochester STEM Academy, and therefore, has a right to request “Directory Information”. The Board Chair then inquired who Interim Executive Director Schlake had spoken to in regard to her information. Interim Executive Director Schlake responded she had been in contact with Novation Education Opportunities (NEO) throughout the school year. The Board Chair requested a response from NEO in writing. Board Member Zacharda stated he would contact NEO and the MACS committee to seek clarification on this matter. Board Member Zacharda will present the clarifications provided at the next Board Meeting.			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla			
Ayan Mumin			
Mohamoud Hamud			
Mustaf Hagi			
Daniel Zacharda			
Totals:			
Decision:	Tabled until the next regular school board meeting (May 20th)		
11. Adjournment			
Motion: To adjourn the meeting			
Made by: Abdulkadir Abdalla		Seconded By: Daniel Zacharda	
Discussion: (None)			
Roll Call Vote:			
Board Member Name:	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Abdulkadir Abdalla	X		
Ayan Mumin		Absent	
Mohamoud Hamud	X		
Mustaf Hagi	X		
Daniel Zacharda	X		
Totals:			
Decision:	Meeting Adjourned (2:11pm)		
Next Board Meeting Date: May 20th			