OPENING:
The 18th meeting of the UTPB STEM Academy was called to order at 12:13 P.M. on November 9, 2016 on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Room 2104, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, TX, by Dr. Christopher Hiatt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dr. Christopher Hiatt, Dr. Yolanda Salgado, Dr. Roy Hurst, Dr. Ahmed Kamel, Becky Latham and Donna Walker.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Luis Trueba

STEM STAFF PRESENT:
Superintendent: Dr. Juli Ratheal-Burnett
Deputy Superintendent/Principal: Oscar Rendon
Finance Manager: Debra Green
Administrative Assistant II: Kathleen Halford

1. Call to Order – Confirm Quorum is Present:
Quorum was met.

2. Pledge:
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Oscar Rendon
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Oscar Rendon

3. Open Forum:
None

ACTION ITEMS:

4. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the September 14th and October 12th Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Kamel motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Hurst.
   (Vote: 6-for 0-against)

5. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the Special Education Policies. Donna Walker motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Salgado.
   (Vote: 6-for 0-against)
INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Personnel – Dr. Hiatt moved to Executive Session to discuss personnel under Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074.

   The Board moved to Executive Session at 12:20pm.

   The Board reconvened open session at 12:33pm.

   No action was taken.


8. Superintendent’s Report
   a. Attendance Number – The STEM Academy has a current enrollment of 570 students. Total capacity is 594. Reminder to maintain need to make sure that we stay at least 50% for an under represented population in order to keep STEM designation.
   b. TEA Annual Governance Reporting – Required by Texas Law to collect information about charter school board members and school officers. Given to each board member for review and signature.
   c. Visits from Kel Seliger and Brooks Landgraf – Senator Seliger and Representative Landgraf both visited the campus to talk with students about the duties of elected officials.
   d. State Data Reports – Dr. Ratheal reviewed the Spring 2016 STAAR results with the board.
   e. Senate Education Committee Information – Dr. Ratheal went to the Senate Education Committee hearing to talk about the benefits of the shortened day for the STEM Academy in order to offer flipped classes, PLTW and STEM enrichment opportunities.
   f. Building Addition Update – The STEM Academy is working with the UTPB Business Affairs office to add two additional classrooms and another multipurpose room.
   g. Board Training – Board training will be November 9th from 2pm-5pm and November 10th from 9am-12pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

   There were no additional comments or discussion. Dr. Hiatt adjourned at 1:06pm.

Next meeting: December 14, 2016 @ 11:30am.

Minutes submitted by: Kathleen Halford