OPENING:

The 5th meeting of the UTPB STEM ACADEMY was called to order at 12:28 PM on October 2nd, 2014 on the campus of UTPB, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, TX, in room 4211 by Dr. Juli Ratheal.

PRESENT:

Dr. Juli Ratheal, Dr. Yolanda Salgado, Dr. Kevin Badgett, Brandon Batte and Karey Grametbaur.

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

2. Pledge:
   Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
   Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

3. Public Forum: None

ACTION ITEMS:

4. The September board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with amendments. Dr. Salgado made the motion to approve and Mr. Batte seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

The only other action item was to consider a function transfer in the approved budget from Function 11 to Function 31 in the amount of $15,000 for the purpose of paying for special education related services (i.e. Speech and OT). Lindsey Campbell, Finance Manager, lead this discussion. During the discussion about a budget amendment, questions about other special programs and finance were asked by board members and the one parent in attendance. There was a brief discussion related to monthly Financial Reports for the board. One of those questions included how we planned and/or were equipped to serve our identified ELL population.

Ms. Campbell then reported the receipt of our first two ADA payments from TEA. Dr. Ratheal then highlighted our Instructional Materials Allotment.

Other questions were asked about our general capacity for serving students supported by Special Education services, and questions about our legal responsibilities to serve students supported by Special Education services. Dr. Ratheal explained fit of model to student needs.
After general discussion concluded and before motions were made to approve the budget amendment, a board member had to take a call. Because his absence brought us below the necessary number for a quorum, we suspended the meeting at 12:50 PM and reconvened with the second audio file at 1:00 PM. A motion to approve the budget function amendment by Mr. Batte and seconded by Mrs. Grametbaur.

5. Superintendent’s report-

a. First month successes were highlighted including getting into the building with electricity and water, internet being turned on, and our first open house. Ken Bridges and Brandon Hayse were recognized for their extra effort and support of the STEM Academy.

b. Mentioned the TEA visit coming up in October.

c. Discussed staffing and mentioned the last open position (part-time Diagnostician position). Discussed plan for diagnostic services.

   Ms. Campbell was dismissed from the board meeting.

d. Discussed Allison Robertson’s visit and review of our Special Programs efforts.

e. Board member bios referenced – Dr. Badgett requested that those be emailed directly to him.

ADJOURNMENT:

There were no additional comments or discussion so a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Salgado and Mr. Batte seconded at 1:10.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 6th at noon in Mesa Building 4206.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Badgett