OPENING:

The 8th meeting of the UTPB STEM Academy was called to order at 12:03 P.M. on February 5, 2015 on the campus of UTPB, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, TX, in room 4211 by Dr. Chris Hiatt.

PRESENT:

Dr. Christopher Hiatt, Dr. Luis Trueba, Dr. Roy Hurst, Dr. Yolanda Salgado, Dr. Tracie Gibson, and Brandon Batte.

1. Call to Order – Confirm Quorum is Present:

Quorum was met.

2. Pledge:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Blayr Reinke.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Tye Heyne.

3. Public Forum:

None

4. Students, Tye Heyne, Jamar Brooks, Jesse Davidson, Jake Culbert, Blayr Reinke and Rachel Wilson from Ms. Davidson’s 5th grade class gave presentations about their experience with project base learning.

ACTION ITEMS:

5. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the minutes from the January Board Meeting. Dr. Roy Hurst motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Yolanda Salgado.

6. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve Dr. Jennifer Seybert as Secondary Request submitter in TEASE/Limited approver in TEAL. Dr. Roy Hurst motioned to approve and seconded by Brandon Batte.
BOARD INFORMATION

7. Academic Report
   a. Dr. Jennifer Seybert stated that she met with a group of parents who were interested in participating in the Parent/Teacher Organization. The group voted in a slate of officers and a couple of committees chairs. Dr. Seybert stated that they are going to run a membership drive next Monday and Tuesday and try to get as many parents as possible to join. The PTO started several committees, Fundraisers, Watchdogs, Hospitality, and a Community Outreach to help get the community familiar with the STEM Academy.
   b. Dr. Jennifer Seybert distributed the 2015-2016 Application Form that will be given to students next week. This application asked the students to commit for next year and asked about any siblings that are interested in attending. There will be a lottery in March that fills the kindergarten and wait list for other grade level openings.
   c. Dr. Jennifer Seybert reported she will meet with Teachers about what they really value in a school calendar. Then within a week a draft calendar will be sent for the parent’s feedback. The final draft will be sent for approval at the March Board meeting.
   d. Dr. Jennifer Seybert reported students will be taking the STAAR Test starting next month. Dr. Seybert stated the STAAR Test takes 4 hours and she will need to do some creative scheduling to extend the classroom time, on test dates, to meet STAAR test needs.

8. Ms. Lindsey Campbell stated she had no financial changes since the meeting two weeks ago.

9. Superintendent’s Report
   a. Dr. Jennifer Seybert delivered the Superintendent’s report in Dr. Juli Ratheal absence. Lisa Duncan was finalized as the new Dean of Students/Curriculum Director of STEM Academy, her start date will be March 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT

There were no additional comments or discussion so a motion to adjourn was made by Brandon Batte and seconded by Dr. Luis Trueba. The meeting was adjourned a 12:31 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2015 at noon in Mesa Building 4211.

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Holloway