OPENING:
The 11th meeting of the UTPB STEM Academy was called to order at 12:03 P.M. on September 3, 2015 on the campus of UTPB, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, TX, in room 4206 by Dr. Chris Hiatt.

PRESENT:
Dr. Christopher Hiatt, Dr. Luis Trueba, Dr. Roy Hurst, Karey Grametbaur and Dr. Ahmed Kamel.

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

2. Pledge:
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Jennifer Seybert
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Jennifer Seybert

3. Public Forum:
None

4. Oath of Office:
Dr. Kamal was sworn in as UTPB STEM Academy Board Member. Statement of Officer and Oath of Office led by Susan Kimbriel – Notary Public.

ACTION ITEMS:

5. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the corrected minutes from the August Board Meeting. Dr. Hurst motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Karey Grametbaur.

6. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the TEA Waiver for Food Services. Karey Grametbaur motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Trueba.

7. No action needed on approval of revised school calendar.
BOARD INFORMATION

8. Academic Report
   a. First Days of School – The classes have gone to Google Classroom. There are a few glitches being worked out with that program as well as the Surface Pros.

   b. Parent Open House: September 22 from 5pm-7pm – PTO will be hosting the Parent Open House. This will allow for parents to ask questions, meet the teachers, and sign up for a PTO membership.

   c. PBS Kids Events – STEM Academy students will be participating in the Water Moves Event as well as the 7th graders filming/editing segments for the PBS News Hour.

9. Dr. Hiatt moved the board into Executive Session under Sec. 551.074 at 12:22pm.

   Dr. Hiatt reconvened the open session at 12:47pm.

10. Superintendent’s Report
    a. Administrative Update – None

    b. New Hire – Ismael Cobos has been hired as the School Resource Officer and Susan Fuentes has been hired as the PEIMS Coordinator.

    c. Update on Grounds and Building – UT System will be giving 1.2 million dollars for the expansion of the STEM Academy. Bids will go out for more classrooms and an additional office building. UTPB will be paying about $250,000.00 for a new parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT:

There were no additional comments or discussion so a motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to adjourn. Dr. Trueba motioned to approve adjournment and seconded by Dr. Kamel. The meeting was adjourned at 12:54pm.

Next meeting: TBA

Minutes submitted by: Kathleen Halford