OPENING:
The 14th meeting of the UTPB STEM ACADEMY was called to order at 12:21 P.M. on May 18, 2016 on the campus of UTPB, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, Texas, in room 4206 by Dr. Chris Hiatt

PRESENT:
Dr. Chris Hiatt, Dr. Juli Ratheal, Dr. Yolanda Salgado, Dr. Roy Hurst, Dr. Ahmed Kamel, Karey Grametbaur, Dr. Michael Odell and Mr. Mark Parkerson.

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

2. Pledge:
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Lisa Duncan.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Lisa Duncan.

3. Public Forum:
None

ACTION ITEMS:

4. A request for motion was made by Dr. Chris Hiatt to approve minutes from the March 17, 2016 Board Meeting. Dr. Yolanda Salgado motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Ahmed Kamel.

5. A request for motion was made by Dr. Chris Hiatt to approve 2016-2017 TEKS Certification. Dr. Ahmed Kamel motioned to approve and seconded by Karey Grametbaur.

BOARD INFORMATION:

6. Academic Report
   a. Dr. Jennifer Seybert distributed copies of the STARR Test results. Dr. Seybert reported 94% of the 5th grade students taking the Reading test meet
Satisfactory, and 41% reached Advanced measures. On the Math test 88% of the 5th grade students meet Satisfactory and 28% reached Advanced measures. Our 7th graders taking the Pre-Algebra on the 8th grade Math test had 100% Satisfactory. Dr. Seybert stated she expects the rest of the test scores in mid-June.

b. Dr. Seybert reported that spots have been offered to the students drawn in the lottery and we are moving names on the wait list according to the letters of acceptance or declined.

c. Grades 5th, 6th and 7th are launching a new PBL the last week of school where the students design boats that will be tested in the school pool.

7. Presentation by T-STEM External Evaluators
   a. A Presentation by T-STEM External Evaluator, Michael Odell, Vice President of Research and Tech Transfers at the University of Texas at Tyler. Dr. Odell distributed copies of the evaluation to Board Members and discussed in depth the reports accountability recommendations, and goals, then stated that the Board might need to move into closed Executive Session while reviewing the reports advice for different personnel positions.

8. The Board moved into closed Executive Session at 1:08 pm.
   a. Dr. Chris Hiatt reconvened the open session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:

a. Dr. Ratheal reported the buildings are on track and the playground should be delivered the last week of May.

b. Interviews are continuing, and offers have been made to six individuals.

c. The technology for the new teachers and students has arrived.

d. Chrome books have been ordered for the new grade level.

ADJOURNMENT:

There were no additional comments or discussion so the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting:
TBD

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Holloway