OPENING:

The 15th meeting of the UTPB STEM Academy was called to order at 12:04 P.M. on August 25, 2016 on the campus of UTPB STEM Academy, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, TX, by Dr. Christopher Hiatt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Christopher Hiatt, Dr. Yolanda Salgado, Dr. Luis Trueba, Dr. Roy Hurst, and Dr. Ahmed Kamel.

STEM STAFF PRESENT:

Superintendent: Dr. Juli Ratheal-Burnett
Deputy Superintendent/Principal: Oscar Rendon
Finance Manager: Debra Green

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. Public Forum:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

4. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the minutes from the May Board Meeting. Dr. Hurst motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Dr. Kamel.

5. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve, with amendments, the Budget Amendments for the 2015-2016 school budget. Dr. Kamel motioned to approve with the amendments and seconded by Dr. Trueba.

   Amendments include:

   1) leave $4,000.00 in expense 36 – Extra-Curricular
   2) move $20,000.00 to expense 11 – Instruction
   3) move $39,696.00 from expense 13 – Staff/Curriculum Development to expense 51 – Maintenance/Operations
6. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve, with an amendment, the Adoption of the School Budget for 2016-2017. Dr. Kamel motioned to approve with the amendment and seconded by Dr. Salgado. Amendment includes:
   1) move $10,000.00 from expense 13 – Staff Development/Curriculum Development to expense 36 – Extra Curricular

7. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve, with corrections, the Student Code of Conduct. Dr. Trueba motioned to approve with the corrections noted and seconded by Dr. Kamel.

8. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the Evaluation Dates. Dr. Hurst motioned to approve and Dr. Salgado seconded.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Superintendent’s Report
   a. Attendance Number – The STEM Academy has almost doubled with a current enrollment of 538 students. Total capacity is 594. Families will continue to be called from the waitlist.
   b. Building Update – Everyone has moved into the new building. The parking lot continues to be worked on.

10. Personnel – All teaching positions have been filled.
    New administrative staff includes:
    Deputy Superintendent: Oscar Rendon
    Business Manager: Debra Green
    Curriculum Director: Shannon Davidson
    Counselor: Jessica Carroll
    Administrative Assistant II: Kathleen Halford

ADJOURNMENT:

There were no additional comments or discussion. Dr. Hiatt adjourned at 1:13pm.

Next meeting: September 14, 2016 @ 12:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathleen Halford