

UT Permian Basin STEM Academy

Meeting Minutes September 7, 2018

OPENING:

The August 3rd board meeting of the UTPB STEM Academy was called to order at 10:00am on August 3, 2018 on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Room ST 2200, 4901 University Blvd., Odessa, TX, by Adrian Vega.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lorraine Spickermann, Dr. Adrian Vega, Dr. John Garza, Dr. Sumit Verma

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Douglas Young, Dr. Elizabeth Casey,

STEM ACADEMY STAFF PRESENT:

Interim Superintendent: Shannon Davidson

Principal: Monica Elizondo

Principal: Cody Griffin

Business Accounts Manager: Kathleen Halford

Administrative Assistant II: Nancy Flores

Special Pops Coordinator: Lucinda Hurlbut

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Call to Order – Confirm Quorum is Present:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am. Quorum was met.

B. Pledge:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Cody Griffin.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Cody Griffin.

C. Open Forum:

No requests.

2. ACTION ITEMS

- A. A request for motion was made by Lorraine Spickermann to approve the August 3, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Adrian Vega motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Sumit Verma. (Vote: 4-for 0-against)
- B. A request for motion was made by Lorraine Spickermann to approve the UTPBSA SPED Policy. Dr. Sumit Verma motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. John Garza. (Vote: 4-for 0-against)
- C. A request for motion was made by Lorraine Spickermann to approve the District/Campus Improvement Plan (DIP/CIP). Dr. John Garza motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Sumit Verma. (Vote: 4-for 0-against)

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Accountability Report given by Ms. Elizondo. The state has a new system of rating campuses: A-F. But since we are K-12 we will use the campus standard. Page five if CIP shows score. We have implemented an instructional coach for Math and Reading. Each day has 45 minutes of intervention built in. There is a full-time teacher assistant with the 4th grade math teacher so she can pull small groups.
- B. STEM Academy Financial Report given by Kathleen Halford. There is no update because it is the end of fiscal year. There won't be another report UTPB closes their books. We will have them next month. Our running cash balance is \$1,743,472.78. There will be an audit by Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP in November.
- C. Superintendent's Report given by Shannon Davidson. This week we lost a member of STEM family. We wore pink today to honor him. It had a huge impact on the school. There was also an impact of teachers on students. The fifth grade teachers were grieving, but also took on the grief of students. There was help from our counselor, but also four UTPB counselors came for the whole day. The men's and women's basketball team wore pink and greeted everyone this morning. One simple action meant the world to the students. The people in community came together. STEM also hosted SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers) event. It was a blast. The students were fed breakfast and lunch in the dining hall. It was a great success.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

There were no additional comments or discussion.
Lorraine Spickermann adjourned at 10:43am.

Minutes Submitted by: Nancy Flores