OPENING:

The 19th meeting of the UTPB STEM Academy was called to order at 11:36 A.M. on December 14, 2016 on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Room 4206, 4901 University Blvd, Odessa, TX, by Dr. Christopher Hiatt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Becky Latham

STEM STAFF PRESENT:

Superintendent: Dr. Juli Ratheal-Burnett
Finance Manager: Debra Green
Administrative Assistant II: Kathleen Halford

1. Call to Order – Confirm Quorum is Present:

Quorum was met.

2. Pledge:

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Donna Walker
Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Donna Walker

(*Note: Dr. Trueba arrived at 11:39am)

3. Open Forum:

Gama Mendez spoke about offering school lunches.

ACTION ITEMS:

4. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the November 9th Board Meeting Minutes. Donna Walker motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Hurst.
   (Vote: 5-for 0-against)

5. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to approve the District Plan (Statement).
   Dr. Kamel motioned to approve and seconded by Donna Walker.
   (Vote: 5-for 0-against)

(*Note: Dr. Salgado arrived at 11:45am)
6. Presentation of Charter First rating.
   This rating was based off the 14-15 FY.
   There was no public input.

7. Announcement of Board Training credits read off by Dr. Hiatt.
   Christopher Hiatt 6 hours
   Roy Hurst 6 hours
   Ahmed Kamel 6 hours
   Becky Latham 6 hours
   Yolanda Salgado 6 hours
   Luis Trueba 6 hours
   Donna Walker 6 hours

8. Update Board on new teacher evaluations
   Tabled for January meeting.

9. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to elect a secretary of the board. Mrs. Walker nominated herself and agreed to serve. Dr. Trueba motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Hurst.
   (Vote: 6-for 0-against)

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Dr. Hiatt moved to Executive Session to discuss personnel under Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074.

    The Board moved to Executive Session at 11:57am.

    The Board reconvened open session at 12:10pm.

    No action was taken.

11. Superintendent’s Report - No Report

12. Personnel - Interviews are taking place to hire a 2nd grade teacher.

13. Discuss TSI – 7th and 8th grade students were tested. More information will be provided during the January meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

    There were no additional comments or discussion. A request for motion was made by Dr. Hiatt to adjourn the meeting. Donna Walker motioned to approve and seconded by Dr. Salgado.
    Dr. Hiatt adjourned at 1:06pm.

Next meeting: January 25, 2017 @ 12:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathleen Halford