



Minutes for Regular Board Meeting
UTPB STEM Academy
Friday, March 20, 2020 – 11:30 a.m.
Zoom Virtual Online Meeting

Opening: The March 20th board meeting of the UT Permian Basin STEM Academy was called to order at 11:32am on March 20th in a Zoom Virtual Online Meeting by Irene Perry.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jake Watkins, Dr. John Garza, Dr. Kara Rosenblatt, Jason Samp, Irene Perry, Dr. Tara Wilson

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Joshua Boyer

STEM ACADEMY STAFF PRESENT:

Shannon Davidson—Superintendent
Kathleen Halford—Business Office Manager
Cody Griffin—Secondary Principal
Monica Elizondo—Elementary Principal
Nancy Flores—Administrative Assistant

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Roll call, Establishment of Quorum, Call to Order

A quorum was met.

B. Pledge

Due to the virtual meeting, the pledges were dispensed.

C. Open Forum – 5 minutes

There were no requests.

2. Report Item

A. Course Description Guide: Cody Griffin spoke regarding the course description guide. Topics of the report included changes to computer science, computer programming, cyber security, and adding course descriptions.

B. CTE Handbook: Cody Griffin spoke regarding the CTE Handbook. Topics of the report included removing a section. A correction was requested to change K-10 on page 6.

C. Online Instruction for Students: Shannon Davidson spoke regarding online instruction for students. Topics of the report included getting teachers online this week to be fully online for students next week, and updates with the Commissioner.

3. Action Items

A. Approval of the Student Priority Admission Definition:

Request for motion to approve the student priority admission definition was made by Irene Perry.

Motion made by Jason Samp and seconded by Dr. Tara Wilson.

(Vote: 6-for, 0-against)

B. Approval of the 2019-2020 COVID-18\9 Missed School Day Waiver Attestation Statement:

Request for motion to approve the 2019-2020 COVID-18\9 Missed School Day Waiver Attestation Statement was made by Irene Perry. Motion was made by Kara Rosenblatt and seconded by Jake Watkins.

(Vote: 6-for, 0-against)

There was a disconnect at 12:00pm and a reconnect at 12:03pm.

C. Approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar

Request for motion to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar was made by Irene Perry. Motion was made by Dr. John Garza and seconded by Dr. Tara Wilson.

(Vote: 6-for, 0-against)

4. Information Items

A. Financial Report—Kathleen Halford spoke regarding the financial report. Topic of information included an explanation of the financial report.

B. Principal Report—Monica Elizondo spoke regarding elementary. Topics of information included teachers meeting virtually to create online lessons, and Mrs. Villarreal making manipulatives for students. All Special Populations services will continue. Cody Griffin spoke regarding secondary. Topics of information included teachers meeting virtually to meet student needs. Five groups qualified for state competitions, but those have been canceled. Science fair students will be able to compete virtually.

C. Superintendent Report—Shannon Davidson spoke regarding the superintendent report. Topics of information included kudos to all the groups doing a great job. School funding will not stop. Everyone is working remotely. The nurse has been assigned to the hospital. Offer letters are being sent. There will be four brand new teachers. There will also be two new department head positions, math/sciences and ELAR/social studies. Also looking to add an academic advisor to help high school students.

5. Adjournment

There were no additional comments or discussion.

Irene Perry adjourned at 12:25pm.

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Dr. John Garza, STEM Academy Board Secretary