



Minutes for Regular Board Meeting
UTPB STEM Academy
Friday, April 17, 2020 – 11:30 a.m.
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/258641251>, Meeting ID: 466-944-8926

Opening: The April 17th board meeting of the UT Permian Basin STEM Academy was called to order at 11:32am on April 17th in a Zoom Virtual Online Meeting by Irene Perry.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

None

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

The Pledge to the United States flag was led by Monica Elizondo.

The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Cody Griffin.

C. Open Forum – 5 minutes

There were no requests.

2. Action Items

A. Approval of the January 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Request for motion to approve the January 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes was made by Irene Perry. Motion made by Dr. Kara Rosenblatt and seconded by Dr. Tara Wilson. Motion accepted.

B. Approval of the March 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Request for motion to approve the March 20, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes was made by Irene Perry. Motion made by Jason Samp and seconded by Dr. John Garza. Motion accepted.

C. Approval of the 2020-2021 Annual Budget

Request for motion to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Budget was made by Irene Perry. Motion made by Joshua Boyer and seconded by Dr. Kara Rosenblatt. Motion accepted.

D. Approval of Missed School Days Waiver

Request for motion to approve the Missed School Days Waiver was made by Irene Perry. Motion made by Jake Watkins and seconded by Joshua Boyer. Motion accepted.

E. Approval of Teacher Evaluation Waiver

Request for motion to approve the Teacher Evaluation Waiver was made by Irene Perry. Motion made by Jason Samp and seconded by Dr. John Garza. Motion accepted.

F. Approval of Attestation – Closed, But Committed to Providing Instruction (TEA Updated)

Request for motion to approve the Attestation – Closed, But Committed to Providing Instruction (TEA Updated) was made by Irene Perry. Motion made by Dr. John Garza and seconded by Dr. Tara Wilson. Motion accepted.

G. Approval of COVID19 Grading Policy

Request for motion to approve the COVID19 Grading Policy was made by Irene Perry. Motion made by Dr. John Garza and seconded by Joshua Boyer. Motion accepted.

H. Approval of COVID19 Retention and Promotion Policy

Request for motion to approve the COVID19 Retention and Promotion Policy was made by Irene Perry. Motion made by Joshua Boyer and seconded by Jake Watkins. Motion accepted.

3. Information Items

A. Financial Report—Kathleen spoke regarding the financial report. Topics of information included February is reconciled, present large purchased to board in May, and fund balance.

B. Principal Report—Monica Elizondo spoke regarding elementary. Topics of information included teachers provided great lessons, 2nd grade PBL, and interviews for nurse. Cody Griffin spoke regarding secondary. Topics of information included three teacher openings, opening up a newspaper/yearbook class, teacher’s office hours, senior graduation committee, and internships.

C. Superintendent Report—Shannon Davidson spoke regarding the superintendent report. Topics of information included the governor’s report to close all Texas schools until the end of the year, TEA updates, SPED, personnel updates, teacher survey, 2020-2021 student enrollment, parent survey, challenges, successes, and updated FAQ. Lucinda Hurlbut spoke regarding SPED.

4. Adjournment

There were no additional comments or discussion.

Irene Perry adjourned at 12:54pm.

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