

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Valley STEM + ME² Academy, Inc.
Governing Board held Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Admin Conference Room**

The meeting was called to order by President Ashley Totin at 4:00 p.m.

On roll call the following members were present: Dr. Stephen Rodabaugh, Ms. Ashley Totin, Mr. John Kuzma, Dr. Karen Larwin, and Mr. Craig Hockenberry.

Also in attendance: John Zehentbauer, Superintendent MCCTC, Mara Banfield, Superintendent Valley STEM+ME2 Academy; Tyler Lewis, Assistant Treasurer MCCTC, Andrew Hampton, Principal, Valley STEM,

A motion was made by Mr. Hockenberry and seconded by Dr. Rodabaugh to approve the agenda. (Resolution 2023-7-1).

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

There was no Public Participation.

A motion was made by Dr. Larwin and seconded by Mr. Kuzma to approve the Treasurer's Report and the minutes from the May Regular STEM Board Meeting (Resolution 2023-7-2). Mr. Lewis spoke about all financial related items including May and June 2023 Financials that were submitted by the ESC, thus ending their contract with Valley STEM.

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hockenberry and seconded by Dr. Larwin to approve the board policies in regards to Student Absences and Excuses: JED, BDDG, EHA, and EHA-R Policies (Resolution 2023-7-3)

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Rodabaugh and seconded by Mr. Kuzma to accept the Cadence Contract for fiscal year 2023-24. (Resolution 2023-7-4).

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Hockenberry and seconded by Dr. Larwin to accept the Lamar Contract for fiscal year 2023-24 (Resolution 2023-7-5).

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuzma and seconded by Dr. Larwin to approve the Hylant Invoice for 23-24 School Year (Resolution 2023-7-6). It was noted that the cyber threat and insurance prices continue to rise yearly. The policy jacket detailed our cyber coverage and offers a wide range of coverage.

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Dr. Larwin and seconded by Mr. Hockenberry to approve the Hartford Insurance Company surety bond for the term July 1, 2023 - July 1, 2024. (Resolution 2023-7-7).

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

In Discussion, Mara Banfield discussed STEM Enrollment, the 23-24 STEM FAQs, and the 23-24 Quick Reference Guide.

Mr. Hampton gave a staff update for Valley STEM..

Tyler Lewis presented a fiscal agent update and discussed credit cards. There is a 50K target to gain at current 5.26% at Farmers Bank Account. Lewis further discussed the Data and Records Retention per policy EHA.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 12, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center TBD on location.

A motion was made by Dr. Rodabaugh and seconded by Mr. Kuzma to adjourn the meeting at 4:38pm.

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

The foregoing is a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the Governing Board of the Valley STEM + ME2 Academy, Inc. at its regular meeting held July 11, 2023 at 7300 N. Palmyra Road Canfield, OH 44406.

President _____

Treasurer _____

Date _____