

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF E-STEM PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., E-STEM ELEMENTARY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., E-STEM MIDDLE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., AND E-STEM HIGH PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.**

**January 19, 2012**

The Boards of eStem Public Charter Schools, Inc., eStem Elementary Public Charter Schools, Inc., eStem Middle Public Charter Schools, Inc., and eStem High Public Charter Schools, Inc. met on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the eStem High Public Charter School Multi Purpose room. Present were directors Don Marshall, Mallory Taylor, Michele Linch, John Ahlen, Vernard Henley, Jr., Keith Berry and Jess Askew. Others attending were John Bacon, Mark Milhollen and Cindy Barton. The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Review of Board Member Training Information – John Ahlen**

Mr. Ahlen called attention to the following items from the Board Member Training he had attended:

1. The school should have a certificate of appointment for
  - A. The director as Financial Secretary
  - B. The bookkeeper as the District Treasurer
2. Most recent audit should be on the website
3. Know your charter & what the waivers are
4. Be familiar with Standards of Accreditation and those should be on website also
5. Know the bylaws

Don Marshall was recognized for having completed over 25 hours of training with the Arkansas School Board Association.

**CFO Report**

Mark Milhollen gave the CFO report which included the monthly financial statements. There are no cycle reports due this month. The next cycle report is February 15<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting on the state to distribute the growth money. We received extra money from the state in the Jobs Fund.

**CEO Report**

Mr. Bacon gave a report on the Charter Renewal Process. We don't want to be just better, but different. The overall goal is to create a dynamic learning environment that supports the development of the exemplary eStem graduate. Our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were looked at to see

what the ideal eStem graduate looks like. There are four guiding principles we will go by through the process which are Inform, Align, Empower and Innovate. The five year plan will be done in phases with major goals, minor goals and objectives. The first phase major goal will be “Identity”. The board members also want to be aligned with this process and are willing to work with John to do things such as review the charter piece by piece.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Old Business**

On the Little Rock School District lawsuit, the charter schools have been permitted to get involved in the LRSD case. Mr. Bacon was deposed last week. There will be a hearing in February or March.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to report. Mr. Bacon did say that open enrollment had started and in the 2 days since starting we had already received 197 applications for kindergarten.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.