

**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.**

**September 20, 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 September 20, 2012 at 5:30pm at the eStem High Public Charter School Multi Purpose room. Present were directors Jess Askew, Don Marshall, John Ahlen, Chris Corbitt and Angela Johnson. Also in attendance were John Bacon, Mark Milhollen and Kim Shumpert. The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Jess Askew.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**CFO Report**

Mark reported that the Cycle 1 reports have been submitted to the state already. Cycle 2 is due October 15<sup>th</sup>. That report includes our head count, our free and reduced lunch count, HQT teachers, and our 504, Title I and SPED student count. Mark presented the July & August financials. There were 3 payrolls during August and only 1 in September due to the way the days of the month fell. The Arvest line of credit is still being investigated.

**CEO Report**

John reported on our enrollment data for the year. The elementary has 471 students, the middle has 509 and the high school has 504. The tentative timeline for the charter renewal process was reviewed. Renewal applications will become available November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The applications are due to ADE on January 18<sup>th</sup>. February 1<sup>st</sup>, the response to questions for clarification are due. The interview with the ADE charter review council will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the State Board of Education hearing will be March 11<sup>th</sup>.

John gave us an overview of a new program we are working on called the eStem Residency Program. We would recruit people in the STEM field and train them at our schools and then hopefully hire them to work in our schools. This would be comparable to medical residency. The Non-Traditional Licensing program basically throws teachers into the classroom with very little training. With our residency program we would be able to give them plenty of professional development before they are required to be in control of a classroom. The funding for this program would come from private donors and corporations. This would not only create STEM teachers but create a training program to get a person from a career to a fully functioning teacher. This program could be replicated in other schools.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.