

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

October 17, 2013

The Boards of eStem Public Charter Schools, Inc. and eStem High Public Charter Schools, Inc. met on October 17th at 5:30pm at the eStem High Public Charter School Multi Purpose room. Present were directors Bill Dillard, Jess Askew, Kim Evans, Mallory Taylor and Vernard Henley. Also in attendance were John Bacon, Mark Milhollen, Ruthie Walls, Cindy Barton and Teri Cox. The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Jess Askew.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Mathematics Report

Dr. Teri Cox was asked to present her overview of the eStem K-12 mathematics program. She stated that although we do have great teachers and good teaching going on, there are areas that can be enhanced. The problem with our math program is that we are teaching to the Common Core Standards but we are not being tested on those standards. Our statewide high stakes testing is based on the Arkansas state standards. We are not going to make great gains even with the residents and extra time given to students because of the distinct difference between Common Core Standards and Arkansas state standards.

CFO Report

Mr. Milhollen reported on the monthly financial statements. This included the October 1st snapshot of enrollment and race/gender statistics. We are on target for this year. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

CEO Report

Mr. Bacon reported on the independent review of our processes and procedures. The review found everything was in good order but gave a few recommendations to follow. If there is a complaint against Mr. Bacon, Dr. Barton or Mrs. Walls would take his place in the proceedings.

Mr. Bacon also reported on the eStem 2025 planning process. We have to look at our history and results. The elementary school has had amazing results. When we look at our vision we need to consider how big and how fast we want to grow. We have to look at the location of schools - Southwest Little Rock, North Little Rock or Little Rock. We will make a timeline for the opening of schools – whether to start with a K-2 or K-4. We won't start with a K-12 though. We would like a board member (Bill Dillard) to help John work out the details. By 2025, we would like 3 high schools with 3 K-8 feeder schools for each high school. The board would like John to look at CMOs of other nation-wide charters to see if they kept one CMO or had multiple CMOs for their expansions.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

New Business

The CMO approved the acceptance of a van donated to the school by Greater Little Rock Transportation through the assistance of LR City Director Joan Adcock. Jess Askew made a motion to accept the van, Kim Evans seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.