

**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.**

**September 19, 2013**

The Boards of eStem Public Charter Schools, Inc. and eStem High Public Charter Schools, Inc. met on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the eStem High Public Charter School Multi Purpose room. Present were directors Mallory Taylor, John Ahlen, and Jess Askew III. Also in attendance were John Bacon, Mark Milhollen, Ruthie Walls and Cindy Barton. The meeting was called to order at 5:39pm by Jess Askew.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**CFO Report**

The financials were presented and there was nothing unusual to report. The taxes and insurance have been paid. There are no creditors that are overdue. We did not end up with a line of credit at Metropolitan bank, but haven't needed it anyway.

**CEO Report**

John reported on the Innovative Grants that were recently awarded. 14 teachers were awarded a total of \$12,786. Most of the grants were for technology projects. There will be another round of grants after Winter break.

The action steps for improving math performance were discussed and are attached. Highlighting these steps are the employment of highly qualified personnel in strategic positions and using the STEM residents and coordinator in support of the teaching and learning in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics. Dr. Cox, our STEM Resident Coordinator, will be at the October meeting to update us on our math performance.

The teacher insurance situation was reviewed. There is a rate hike of 50% or more coming to those in the teacher insurance group. The governor won't call a special session unless there is a solution on the table. Money needs to be infused into the system for a quick fix and then the system needs to be overhauled to keep this from happening again. The state may extend the enrollment period so that people can make decisions based on the fixes that are applied.

The board was updated on an employee issue in which the employee has since resigned.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business**

We have entered into a contract with Moses Tucker to explore real estate options for new schools. They will perform the duties of a real estate advising service. We are looking at the possibility of 10 additional buildings over the next few years.

We have also received a van that was donated by Greater Little Rock Transportation. Joan Adcock helped to connect our school and the transportation company. The van will be used for all types of field trips and athletic events.

The annual School Board Training will be November 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:30. There will also be one on December 10<sup>th</sup>, time to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.