Present: Jose Amaya, David Barajas, John Bonner, Michael Pedersen, Kathy Rogotzke, Sarah Rosenblum, Kerry Weig, Rich Wrage; Via Conference Call: Ashley Flatebo, Corey Rogers, Camille Sloan Schroeder

Absent: Emily Banks, Doug Jacobson, Ben Petty, Richard Ritter

Guests: Jeff Weld, Executive Director; Carrie Rankin, Assistant Director of Development

NC STEM Staff: Carol Tierney

Kathy welcomed new members to the board: Ashley Flatebo, Mike Pedersen, and Kerry Weig.

Governor’s STEM Advisory Update:
Sixteen STEM BEST awardees will be selected from the thirty-one applications now being evaluated. There are five applicants from the NC Region and one that is shared with the NE region: Fort Dodge-Webster City-Eagle Grove-Humboldt-Clarion, iJAG Programs in Mason City, Iowa Big North, Marshalltown Learning Academy, North Iowa CSD, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock CSD and Charles City, New Hampton, Osage, and Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock (shared with NE region). The legislature increased STEM funding from 5.2 to 5.46 million to support additional STEM BEST. Awardees will be announced on October 23.

Monday, October 2, Governor Reynolds will hold a press conference at Camp Dodge to share the annual report. Iowa math, science and reading scores are up for those participating in STEM programming versus those that are not. All board members are invited to attend and stay for the Iowa Governor’s STEM Council Meeting following the press conference.

Applications/Nominations are being accepted for:
- Scale-Up program providers for 2018-19 are being accepted Until October 9
- Nominations for the I.O.W.A. Teacher Award until October 6. NC has the highest number of completed nominations with 16.

Manager search update: The search committee interviewed three candidates on campus last week. Reference checks should be completed by the end of this week and names will go forward to the Advisory Council leaders.

STEM Festivals
- WiSE STEM Festival had a great turnout with about 850 participants and over 25 presenters. The NC STEM Hub gave $1,000 towards advertising for the event.
- Forest City, Waldorf – in planning stages for the end of March first of April
- What can be done to help schools sustain festivals?

Financials – 8/31/17 Report
- We have not spent any of the $499,558 Scale-Up budget and only salaries have been paid from the STEM Management account.
- Six completed subaward agreements from Scale-Up providers are in the system and the ST Math agreement is in process.
Election of the North Central Advisory Board Chair: Kathy nominated Camille Sloan Schroeder to serve as board chair. Motion to elect Camille by Rich Wrange, seconded by Jose Amaya.

Opportunities for Advisory Board Members
I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award Reviewers - Sarah Rosenblum, Kathy Rogotzke
Scale-Up Provider Application Reviewers (11-18 hr commitment) - Corey Rogers, Kerry Weig

Upcoming Events
October 2, Iowa Governor’s Press Conference and Iowa STEM Advisory Council meeting, Camp Dodge, 9-2:00 pm
October 6 I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Applications Due
October 9, Scale-Up proposals from providers due
October 30, NC STEM Advisory Meeting, Ames, 2:00-3:30 pm
November 3, EDGE Day, Boone Community School District
November 17, Mega Board Meeting, Monsanto Learning Center, Huxley