

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Academy of Tucson**  
**January 7, 2019**

<b>Academy of Tucson HS Conference Room</b> <b>10720 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ 85748</b>
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- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- II. Roll Call: Present:** Board Members, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr., Mrs. Shari Stewart, Ms. Kirsten Stephens, Dr. George Sokol Mr. Ivan English and Superintendent Mr. Jose Garcia and Business Manager Ms. Bennie Gemello.
  
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr.
  
  
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on December 3, 2018. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Shari Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- VI. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. George Sokol moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- VII. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None.
  
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS:** None

**Administrative Reports School**

- IX. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Jose Garcia**
  - a. Mr. Garcia gave a presentation on Title 1:
    - i. What is Title 1?
      1. Title 1 is the largest federal aid program for public schools in the US.
      2. Title 1 is part of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001(NCLB)*.
      3. Originated from the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty").

4. Title 1 provides federal funds to schools with high percentages of low-income students.
- ii. Who is affected by Title 1?
  1. Nationwide 50,000 public schools (14.9 million or 64% of students) from preschool to high school receive Title 1 funds
  2. 58% of all public schools in the US receive Title 1 funding.
- iii. Two types of Title 1 program models.
  1. School-wide program
  2. Targeted assistance program

Both programs, are contingent upon (1) the school using research-based strategies to improve student achievement and (2) the school must include strategies to support/encourage parent involvement.
- iv. Teachers, administrators, and all other school staff work together to:
  1. Identify students most in need of educational help (regardless of family income)
  2. Measure student progress using their state's educational standards.
  3. Improve professional knowledge and skills through continuing education and intense professional development.
  4. Hire additional teachers and support staff.
  5. Involve parents in every aspect of the school's Title 1 program.
- v. Title 1 Uses
  1. Pay for a General Education teacher?
  2. Pay for a Principal?
  3. Pay for hotel stay?
  4. Pay for Uber?

All of the above could be earmarked for Title 1 as long as it meets the criteria of **supplement and not supplant**.
- vi. Non-Instructional uses of Title 1
  1. Recruitment and retention
  2. Counseling, Mental Health & Mentoring
  3. School Climate Interventions (Anti-bullying, positive behavior interventions and support)
  4. Equipment, materials and training to compile and analyze student data, monitor progress, and drive decision making.
  5. Improve attendance.

Discussion, Questions and Answers.

- b. Enrollment has seen students coming and going. Most of the Elementary students reason is family moving from the area, Middle and High School their reasons; student choice, credit deficiency and moving out of our area.
- c. Middle School's Math teacher has been hired.

**X. Business Manger's Report: Ms. Bennie Gemello**

- a. All accounts payables are up to date.
- b. All bank reconciliations have been completed.
- c. Student population as of the 12/21/2018: K-4 215, 5-8 256 and 9-12 154. To date ES Gain 5 loss 4, HS Gain 5 and loss 5, MS Gain 6 and 3 loss.
- d. Tax Credit Receipts are going out this week.
- e. We are receiving our disbursement for the IDEA Basic grant.

**XI. Consent Agenda: Motioned by Mrs. Sharon Stewart and seconded by Mr. Ivan English. Motion carried unanimously.**

- A. Expense Voucher #6 \$91,720.33
- B. Payroll Voucher #11 \$189,212.31, Voucher #12 \$144,079.87

**XI. Board Members Remarks: Mr. Howard Stewart requested a Profit and Loss Report for next meeting.**

**XIII. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. Adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM. Next meeting February 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

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**Bennie Gemello, Business Manager**

**Date Board Approved**