

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
October 1, 2018

Academy of Tucson HS Conference Room 10720 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85748

- 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 and Superintendent Mr. Jose Garcia and Business Manager Ms. Bennie Gemello. Absent: Mr. Ivan English

- 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 September 17, 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. Mrs. Shari Stewart moved and Mrs. Kirsten Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- VII. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None.

- VIII. ACTION ITEMS:** None

Administrative Reports School

- IX. President's Report: Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr.**
 - a. Mr. Stewart gave the Board the Amended Fact sheet for H.B. 2065 regarding public meetings; definition; penalties. A copy is attached.

- X. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Jose Garcia**
 - a. Mr. Garcia indicated the end of the Quarter is Thursday, October 4, 2018. Fall break starts October 8, 2018.
 - b. Mr. Garcia reported the Elementary School projects during the Fall break will include installation of a new plumbing line for the Septic

- tank and field work encompassing tilling, seeding for new grass, located northwest side of the softball field (leftfield specifically).
- c. Mr. Garcia also reported installation of a new water fountain at the High School. The graduating 2018 High School Student Council sponsored the cost. This water fountain will have access for refilling water bottles containers besides the regular usage.
 - d. The Homecoming Dance was successful. 90 students in attendance.
 - e. Financial Aid night had 12 families attend. They received information on scholarship and grant applications, when to apply, what colleges, and deadlines which happens to be 10/1/18. An example Mr. Garcia indicated was the Pell grants which basically first come first serve, until they run out of funds.
 - f. The Academy participated in the School Fair at the Jewish Community Center sponsored by the Arizona Daily Star on 9/29/18 and 9/30/18. The Principals from all three schools attended and worked the table for prospective families.
 - g. Mrs. Allardice and Mrs. Creenan attended the McKinney-Vento (A Federal Law, protected in Title1 grant) workshop. The concentration was on the Culture for homeless students we serve at our schools. Main goals, credit recovery, graduation and that they are not forgotten.
 - h. Mr. Hancock, ES Principal gave us an update on the Math program. This continues to work well.
 - i. Mrs. Creenan, MS Principal, the 5th and 6th graders are sponsoring “Smile Train”. The monies is to help children who have cleft lips and cleft palates. Their goal is \$750 and this would allow three children to receive this surgery.
 - j. Mrs. Creenan reported that a Carnival on 10/19/18 will be held with a concentration on Positivity Program.
 - k. The Wright Flight program had 27 out of 28 students pass the three parts of the program goals including drug free and academic success. All the students were allowed to fly the plane.
 - l. Mr. Garcia reported the Parent/Teacher conferences were successful. The Elementary School was 100%, the Middle School was 97% and the High School was also 97%.
 - m. Mr. Garcia reported the Tucson College Night will be held at the TCC. Our students and parents are encouraged to participate. The Gregory School will also have a smaller College Night and they are encouraged to attend this one as well.
 - n. Mr. Garcia announced that the Middle and High Schools will have a joint concert on Tuesday, October 02, 2018 at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church 7:00PM.

XI. 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 40th day: K-4 212, 5-8 260 and 9-12 157. School Finance sent the school a memo indicating that adjustments to our equalization will happen November 2018. Since the estimated student count was higher than the actual numbers, the state will adjust down the amount of the equalization. They will spread the adjustment throughout the school year.
- d. The Debt service release letter from Hamlin Corporation was received.
- e. The Budget Revised #1 for SY 2019 was uploaded on 9/18/18 and again on 9/21/18 (The State had an IT problem).
- f. The Annual Financial Report for SY 2018 was uploaded on 9/18/18 and again on 9/21/18 (The State had an IT problem).
- g. The Repair and Replacement request covering the cost of major improvements for the schools was received on 9/25/18.

XI. Consent Agenda: Motioned by Mrs. Shari Stewar and seconded by Dr. George Sokol. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Expense Voucher #3 \$143,039.92
- B. Payroll Voucher #5 \$145,521.22, Voucher #6 \$144,974.60

XII. Board Members Remarks: Mrs. Kirsten Stephens mentioned that at her Rotary conference had phenomenal speakers related to education, literacy and early childhood development. Perhaps AOT would consider inviting them as speakers: Dr. Kathy Short, professor of Language, Reading and Culture at the UofA. Dr. Jill Stamm, retired ASU professor, Prevention & Brain Science Training Specialist for the AZ Children’s Assoc. and co-founder of the New Directions Institute for Early Childhood Brain Development. Received her book Boosting Brain Power. Mr. Joe Wiegand, impersonator of Teddy Roosevelt gave an hour long history lesson as Teddy Roosevelt.

XIII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. Adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM. Next meeting November 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

October 1, 2018

Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved