

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
November 5, 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 October 1, 2018. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Dr. George Sokol 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:**
- a. Revised Budget #2: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the Revision #2 Budget. Mrs. Shari Stewart moved and Mrs. Kirsten Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Annual Audit Report: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the Annual Audit Report. Mrs. Shari Stewart moved and Mrs. Kirsten Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports School

- IX. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Jose Garcia**
- a. Mr. Garcia reported under Title 1 Grant we purchased of 30 Chromebooks for the High School for the upcoming testing.

- b. Mr. Garcia will hire a Math interventionist at the Middle School and High School.
- c. Mr. Garcia will hire a Counselor for the Middle School to address the student's coping skills and stress and anxiety management.
- d. The Middle School's Math class and Language class are using Subs.
- e. Update regarding the Language/Arts teacher, the current substitute teacher will accept the offer of teaching full time for the Academy.
- f. Wendi Allardice, High School Principal reported the following:
 - i. Chromebooks have been received.
 - ii. A new Video/Audio Daily Announcement program has been developed and has been well received.
 - iii. The Wallacea trip has sponsored a Coin War and have raised around \$700.00. This will cover the cost of entrance to the Galapagos National Park.
 - iv. The Chorale group received an "Excellent" in the competition held at Catalina Foothills.
- g. Susan Creenan, Middle School Principal reported the following:
 - i. A fundraiser for School community building sponsored by one of our parents, Julie Bouchard, (Painted Love) had 5 families participate in creating their own family tree. 20% of the proceeds were donated to the Middle School PAC.
 - ii. On November 12, 2018, Veteran's Day, the Middle School will have a fundraiser for the Honor Flight, a non-profit organization that allows veterans to fly to Washington D.C. The school band will play, the National Junior Honor Society will carry flags and the PAC will have bake goods to sponsor the fundraiser.
 - iii. The 8th grade Spanish class had a field trip to El Taco Tote where they were required to use the Spanish skills to order their food.
 - iv. The 6th grade will have a field trip to the Arizona Science Center on 11/16/18.
 - v. The 5th grade will have a field trip to Oracle Park where they will speak with the Rangers regarding wild life.
- h. Joshua Hancock, Elementary School Principal reported the following:
 - i. The annual Carnival was a success and raised over \$2,000.00. This is a PAC fundraiser. Well run and organized.
 - ii. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens representing her Rotary Club provided the 3rd graders personal dictionaries. It was well received by all. Mr. Hancock presented Mrs. Stephens with thank you notes from the students.
 - iii. PAC had a Skate night as a fundraiser.

- iv. The Elementary students are utilizing the chromebooks for the upcoming AZ testing.
- v. Math program continues to do well.

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 40th day: K-4 212, 5-8 260 and 9-12 158.
- d. The Debt service release letter was received and sent to John C. Todd II.
- e. John C. Todd II uploaded our Audit to the ADE. Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. received confirmation. Our Audit was “Clean”.
- f. The Budget Revised #2 for SY 2019 was uploaded on 10/5/18.
- g. The Arizona Auditor General’s office had a workshop covering the “School-Level Expenditure Reporting”. This is in addition to the Annual Financial Report. It will be active in school year 2020.
- h. Our equalization reflected the adjustment made for the first three months that paid the Academy on the estimated count.

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

- A. Expense Voucher #4 \$130,378.49
- B. Payroll Voucher #7 \$144634.22, Voucher #8 \$146,362.88

XII. Board Members Remarks: Mrs. Kirsten Stephens inquired whether our students have “homework” during the Christmas break. All the Principals responded “no” since this ends the 1st semester for the Academy.

XIII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. Adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM. Next meeting December 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

November 5, 2018

Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved