

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
April 2, 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 6:34 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 March 12, 2018. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Sharon 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 Mrs. Kirsten Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** Mr. & Mrs. Ken Wright addressed the Board regarding their sons Travis and Dillon.

Administrative Reports School

- VIII. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Jose Garcia**
- a. AIM testing is at the High School and will start at the Middle School this week as well.
 - b. Open houses scheduled for April 3, 2018
 - c. Recruiting teachers is expanding the use of two recruiting companies: Indeed Recruiter and Zip Recruiter
 - d. The Elementary School has had their Kindergarten Roundup for next school year.
 - e. The candidates for the Elementary School's Principal has received numerous applicants. Jennifer Hughes chairperson of the committee to interview this position will direct the questions and the top

applicant/applicants will be recommended to interview with Mr. Jose Garcia.

- f. Regarding the request from Tucson Unified School District to send them our student directory, our attorneys, Deconcini, McDonald, Yetwin and Lacy P.C. referred the Academy to a Phoenix firm to respond to this request since they are also the attorney for TUSD. We do not publish a student directory and the attorney will send a letter to TUSD stating this.
- g. On March 14th, a group of High School students participated in the National 17 minute walkout to memorialize the 17 victims of the shooting in Parkland, Florida.

IX. Chief Operating Officer, Board Vice President: Mrs. Sharon Stewart

- a. Mrs. Stewart created a report covering the prospective enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

- a. All accounts payables are up to date.
- b. All bank reconciliations have been completed.
- c. ADE's Grant Management has concluded the audit of the Federal IDEA Basic grant for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. There were discrepancies noted during the audit between the expenditure report and the Completion Report submitted to ADE. After further investigation it was determined that communication between the LEA and ADE took place and that the differences were known, which results in NO finding for this audit.
- d. Student population is at 701.
- e. We are up-to-date with our school year 2017-2018 IDEA Basic grant reimbursements.

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

- A. Expense Voucher #9 \$120,114.02
- B. Payroll Voucher #17 \$140,737.21, Voucher #18 \$139,504.74

XII. Board Members Remarks: Mrs. Kirsten Stephens inquired regarding the physical safety of our classrooms. During the Spring break, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Speta had a Safety officer survey our schools. The officer gave them suggestions to improve the safety of our campuses. These improvements will be addressed during the Summer break.

XIII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. Adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM. Next meeting May 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

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Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved