

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Academy of Tucson**  
**May 7, 2018**

**Academy of Tucson HS Conference Room**  
**10720 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 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 April 2, 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 Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None.
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS:** Administrative Contract Approval: Mrs. Kirsten moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried to approve the Administrative contracts for School year 2018-2019.

**Administrative Reports School**

- IX. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Jose Garcia**
  - a. The RedforEd event was supported by our school staff and Administration. There were no closures of our schools. Members of the faculty at the Elementary and High Schools were visible during the event. Two of the teachers at the High school and two from the Elementary school were in Phoenix to show support. Mr. Moore was asked by Legislatures to speak to them regarding the issues. Charter

schools in general did not walk out. Walk-ins by students and teachers at the High school showed their support.

- b. The Legislature passed the state budget giving a pay increase to all teachers of 20% by 2020.
- c. Teacher vacancies have been filled for: Middle School Math, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English/Language Arts, Social Studies, Spanish, 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Elementary School – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. High School – Online/Theatre. The new hires are all experienced teachers.
- d. The Elementary School has a new Principal for next year: Mr. Joshua Hancock
- e. Mr. Garcia attended a Law conference. Most of the focus was on SPED issues since they draw the most challenges.
- f. High School graduation is Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 10:00 am. It will be held at the Tanque Verde Lutheran Church. Mr. Richard Moore will be our commencement speaker. We will also honor three students that have attended the Academy from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Corina Cruickshank-Taylor, Joshua Davis and Kyra Miller.
- g. The Middle School had their production of “Peter Pan”. Well done and well attended.
- h. The High School and Middle School’s last concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church at 7:00pm.
- i. Arizona Merit testing was completed and met goals above 90%.
- j. Mediation with the family, initial complaint was dismissed. We have received their complaint of retaliation with the OCR saying that they are prevented to come on school grounds. Our response documents will be sent within the due date.

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

- a. All accounts payables are up to date.
- b. All bank reconciliations have been completed.
- c. Our auditor is scheduled for May 15, 16, and 17, 2018.
- d. Student population is at 699.
- e. We are up-to-date with our school year 2017-2018 IDEA Basic grant reimbursements.
- f. Performance Pay to teachers will be distributed on payroll dated 5/31/18.

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

- A. Expense Voucher #10 \$111,054.52
- B. Payroll Voucher #19 \$140,135.07, Voucher #20 \$140,072.99

**XII. Board Members Remarks:** Mrs. Kirsten Stephens reported that she saw advertisements for Country Day School at the Cinema. Mr. Garcia indicated that we have been approached, the cost is \$200/week. We will look into the new theatre being built on Harrison and Broadway for this kind of advertisement for the schools. Mr. Ivan English attended the High School National Honor Society induction of his grandson. Mr. James Persellin the advisor of the program has continued to make the induction special.

**XIII. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. Adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. Next meeting June 4, 2018

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**Bennie Gemello, Business Manager**

**Date Board Approved**