

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Academy of Tucson**  
**April 12, 2021**

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| <b>Internet "Zoom"</b><br><b>Board Participation</b> |
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- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
- II. **Roll Call: Present:** Board Members, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. Ms. Kathleen Friedman, Dr. George Sokol, Mr. Ivan English, Kirsten Stephens and Superintendent Mr. Jose Garcia. Ms. Bennie Gemello, Business Manager. Guests: Mrs. Wendi Allardice (HS Principal) Mrs. Devonne Weaver. (MS Teachers) Mrs. Tracy Shaw (MS Office Mgr), Mr. & Mrs. Bennett (MS Parent)
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dispensed
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the corrected minutes for the board meeting held on March 1 and March 8, 2021. Mr. Ivan English moved and Mrs. Kirsten Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Mr. Ivan English moved and Ms. Kathleen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** Mr. & Mrs. Bennett were seeking clarification on the logistics of the middle school class schedule.
- VII. **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - a. Approval Academy of Tucson ESSER II Budget. Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved ad Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports:**
  - a. Superintendent, Mr. Jose Garcia:
    - i. Finalizing Curriculum Math and Social Studies.
    - ii. Teaching vacancies to fill: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies, SPED Teacher and High School Principal.
    - iii. Teaching contracts for next year will be completed by the end of the month.
  - b. High School Principal, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:
    - i. High School graduation will be an outside venue. Same time and date for graduation. Safety mitigation will be in

place. Diplomas will be presented to graduates. Fewer people on stage. Board Members not required to attend.

- c. Business Manager, Ms. Bennie Gemello:
  - i. All bank reconciliations completed
  - ii. Current with accounts payable.
  - iii. Reimbursement Requests for IDEA Basic, Title I grant is ongoing.
  - iv. Tax Credit receipts is ongoing since the State has the same guidelines and deadline for the community to donate to the school. April 15, 2021. Tax Credit receipts mailed out as soon as receipt of donation.
  - v. Our actual enrollment numbers were uploaded to the state for 3/31/2021. Kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade = 195, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = 207, 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade = 154 total 556
  - vi. We have our auditor, Mrs. Tewhill, working on our audit through Wednesday, April 14, 2021. This is the first half of our school audit.
- d. Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Kirsten Stephens:
  - i. School Marketing & Recruitment Director has 5 candidates applied and they will be interviewed
  - ii. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens will start with the Local candidates.

**IX. Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #9 and Payroll Vouchers #17 and #18. Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. Board Member Remarks:** Mr. Howard Stewart Jr. wanted to ask the Board members to change our Zoom meeting to In-Person Board Meeting. All members agree to meet next month at the High School in the Art room. May 3, 2021 at 5:00 PM

**XII. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM. The next month's meeting will be Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm. This will be at the High School's Art room in-person.

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**Bennie Gemello, Business Manager**

**Date Board Approved**