

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
August 5, 2024

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

- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
- II. Roll Call:**
Present: Board Members:
- Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr.
 - Mrs. Marolyn Pierson
 - Mrs. Kirsten Stephens
 - Mr. James Persellin
 - Dr. George Sokol
- Others:
- Mrs. Wendi Allardice
 - Mrs. Paige Lincoln
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart led.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the minutes for the board meetings held on July 1st and July 15th, 2024. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mr. James Persellin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Marolyn Pierson moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None
- VII. ACTION ITEMS:** Revised Budget SY2025: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the Revised Budget SY2025. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Votes as follows:
- Dr. George Sokol – Yea
 - Mrs. Kirsten Stephens – Yea
 - Mrs. Marolyn Pierson – Yea
 - Mr. James Persellin – Yea
 - Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. – Yea
- VIII. Administrative Reports:**
1. **Board President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr:** None

2. **Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:** Updates on the alley closure behind the middle school. Discussion on foot traffic, benefits of added gates, and the effect it will have on the security of the school. About 20 minutes. Gate installation will begin within 5-6 weeks according to the city.

The sewer project at the elementary school is getting closer to completion. The parking lot project at the elementary school has been completed and will not be affected by the sewer project. Discussion around the project: about 10 minutes.

We are fully staffed at all locations despite the challenge of finding qualified individuals. Discussion about the enrollment due to oversaturation of schools, including transportation concerns, marketing, and website delivery. About 20 minutes. New staff oversee the website and our social presence, and traction is already starting to build.

Overview and discussion about how AI is impacting schools and where it is leading – the good and the bad. About 10 minutes.

3. **Business Manager, Mrs. Paige Lincoln:** Summer payrolls are low as only administration were paid. Expenses are higher than normal due to planned projects like the sewer and the parking lot. We have updated our payroll system to Quickbooks Payroll, which has been saving significant amount of time and money.

- IX. **Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #1, Payroll Vouchers #1 and #2. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- X. **Board Remarks:** None.
- XI. **Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM. The next meeting will be September 9, 2024 at 4:30pm in the conference room.

September 9, 2024

Date Board Approved