

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
March 1, 2021

Internet "Zoom" Board Participation
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- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:05 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), Mr. Joshua Hancock (ES Principal), Mr. Willie Henry (MS Principal) and Mrs. Devonne Weaver. Mrs. Jean Rhoades, Mrs. Margaret Smith, (MS Teachers) Mrs. Tracy Shaw (MS Office Mgr), Mrs. Alayna List (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 February 1, 2021. Dr. George Sokol moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Ms. Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None
- VII. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Approval: Academy of Tucson Fee Schedules: Elementary, Middle and High School SY 2021-2022. Ms. Katheleen Friedman moved ad Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Approval: National Lunch program. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Approval: Hiring of New Superintendent SY 2021-2022. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Ms. Katheleen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports:**
 - a. Superintendent, Mr. Jose Garcia:
 - i. ESSER II Grant allocation of \$540,000.00. Allotment based on our Title I grant. This will allow the Academy to

purchase hepa air filter and purifiers to be placed in classrooms. Summer School will be open to students who have fallen behind in their studies at no charge. Principals will set up staff for Summer school.

- ii. Reopening Schools – Review of every quarter that the approaching 4th quarter will allow Hybrid Model at all schools. This would be on campus 2x a week but keep distant learning in place. Keep mitigation in place at all times. Health safety consistency is the plan.
- iii. 75% of Staff has received their COVID vaccine.

b. 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. We have reported total tax credit contribution at \$21,167.00.
- v. Our actual enrollment numbers were uploaded to the state for 2/26/2021. Kinder through 5th Grade = 197, 6th through 8th Grade = 207, 9th through 12th Grade = 154 total 558.

c. Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Kirsten Stephens:

- i. Presentation of the School Marketing & Recruitment Director’s Job Description, with interview questions for the future applicants. Mrs. Stephens requested we move forward to advertise for the position.
- ii. Discussion followed and Mr. Stewart called for a special meeting to be held on Monday, March 8, 2021.

IX. Consent Agenda: Expense Vouchers #8 and Payroll Vouchers #15 and 116. Mr. Ivan English moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM. A Special brief meeting will be held Monday, March 8, 2021. The next month’s meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm. This will also be through “ZOOM”.

March 1, 2021

Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved

