

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Academy of Tucson**  
**October 5, 2020**

<b>Internet "Zoom"</b> <b>Board Participation</b>
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- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM.
- II. **Roll Call: Present:** Board Members, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. Ms. Kathleen Friedman, Dr. George Sokol, Mr. Ivan English and Superintendent Mr. Jose Garcia. Ms. Bennie Gemello, Business Manager.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Dispensed
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on September 8, 2020. Mr. Ivan English moved and Ms. Kathleen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. George Sokol moved and Ms. Kathleen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** Teachers: Deanna Dikinis, Richard St. Clair, Richard Moore, Angela Scott-Westbrock, Lindsay Figueroa, and Jean Rhodes were in attendance. The Board received a copy of the Teacher survey determining their intentions and willingness to move into the next phase in reopening our schools to face to face instruction. 75% want to continue distant learning and 25% would be open to face to face. The recommendation from the consensus of the Board and Superintendent that we continue with distant learning through the semester.
- VII. **ACTION ITEMS:** None
- VIII. **Administrative Reports:**
  - a. Superintendent, Mr. Jose Garcia:
    - i. Mr. Garcia indicated that our teachers are doing a fabulous job with distant learning for our students.
    - ii. Mrs. Rosana Cumberland is supporting all teachers with technology.

iii. The Office Managers are all contacting students/parents if they have not logged into their classes. Staying on top of this process keeps our attendance positive.

**b. Business Manager, Ms. Bennie Gemello:**

- i. All bank reconciliations completed
- ii. Current with accounts payable.
- iii. Reimbursement Requests for IDEA Basic grant is current.
- iv. The Title 1 grant has been approved for school year 2021.
- v. We continue to transfer our Series 2020 Bond savings into Academy's savings account.
- vi. Our actual enrollment numbers were uploaded to the state for our 40<sup>th</sup> day 10/1/2020. Kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade = 211, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = 201, 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade = 167 total 579

**IX. Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #3 and Payroll Vouchers #5 and 6. Dr. George Sokol moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 2:38 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2020 at 2:00 pm. This will also be through "ZOOM".

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**Bennie Gemello, Business Manager**

**Date Board Approved**