

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

<b>10720 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ 85748</b> <b>Conference Room</b>
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**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

Others:

- Mr. James Persellin, Prospective Board Member
- Mrs. Wendi Allardice, Superintendent
- Mrs. Paige Lincoln, Business Manager

**Absent:** Board Members:

- Mr. Ivan English
- Dr. George Sokol

**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 meeting held on January 8, 2024. Mrs. Marolyn Pierson 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. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None

**VII. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a.** Approval: Resignation from the Board of Mr. Ivan English

- Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. – YES
- Mrs. Marolyn Pierson – YES
- Mrs. Kirsten Stephens – YES

**b.** Approval: Appointment to the Board of Mr. James Persellin

- Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. – YES
- Mrs. Marolyn Pierson – YES
- Mrs. Kirsten Stephens – YES

**VIII. Administrative Reports:**

- a. **Board President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr:** None
- b. **Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:** Upcoming events at the schools include open houses, Gem Show Field Trip, Jazz Madrigal (in Flagstaff), Sabino Canyon Field Trip, STEM's Disney experience, and Feed My Starving Children service project.

Requested information from the State Superintendent's Office has been submitted.

The City of Tucson held a meeting with the Dietz Neighborhood Community to address complaints of high activity in the alley. They have suggested adding gates to either end of the alley in an attempt to cut off foot traffic. The gates will not be added if not all members agree. Discussion around the alley, increased police reports, and foot traffic were discussed in detail. Gates would restrict our flow of traffic at pick up and drop off times, and could increase the amount of cars getting stuck behind the middle school trying to get out of the alley. Discussion around this topic continued for near 45 minutes. Ideas to take to the city of Tucson included installing a large light to deter illegal activity, increase patrol in that area, make it a private alley as the school was largely responsible for the upkeep of the road, paint over all graffiti, and others.

Questions around high school science room were addressed.

Accreditation is almost complete. Paperwork has been submitted at all schools and reviews for each school will take place this month via Zoom.

- c. **Business Manager, Mrs. Paige Lincoln:** We received our second reimbursement from one of our State Grants, we received our first of two payments of Instructional Improvements Funds that come from casino taxes. Tax Credits received for the calendar year 2023 came in right over \$17,800, which will be reported this month. Enrollment is up. We are currently 50% free and reduced at the high school and just over 80% at the middle school and elementary school. We are currently utilizing the NSLP national program, but are looking into other programs.

- IX. **Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #7, Payroll Vouchers #13 and #14. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- X. **Board Remarks:** Third grade dictionaries were delivered last week. Students were well mannered and received them well.

**XI. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:06 PM. The next meeting will be March 4, 2024 at 4:30pm in the conference room.

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**March 4, 2024**

**Paige Lincoln, Business Manager**

**Date Board Approved**