

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Academy of Tucson**  
**January 8, 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
    - Dr. George Sokol
  - Others:
    - Mrs. Wendi Allardice, Superintendent
    - Mr. James Persellin, Prospective Board Member
    - Mr. Willie Henry, Middle School Principal
    - Mrs. Paige Lincoln, Business Manager
  - Absent:** Board Members:
    - Mr. Ivan English
    - Mrs. Kirsten Stephens
- 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 December 4, 2023. Mrs. Marolyn Pierson moved and Mr. George Sokol 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:** None.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports:**
  - a. **Board President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr:** Board Member Ivan English's health requires him to be at home. Discussion around starting the processes to remove him from the board. Mr. James Persellin introduced as potential new board member. Both petitions to follow in coming meetings. Discussion around effective marketing strategies with upcoming events and effects that ESA monies have on public education. Wendi Allardice

acknowledged and thanks for her efforts with the new building at the high school.

- b. Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:** Our Open Houses at each campus have been scheduled. We will have one each month with the first one taking place Tuesday, January 9th. We will also have a booth at the March Festival of Books hosted at the U of A. All of the open house events are in-person, but we will continue to have an online presence. The State Board for Charter Schools compliance review is nearly complete. There are minimal updates to the website that need to take place for full compliance. Our accreditation process is still underway and will be complete by the end of February. Our next compliance audit is scheduled for next week with the Department of Education English Learner division. Intent to return for students will be taking place this month. This is the first step in assessing our enrollment for the 24-25 SY.
- c. Middle School Principal, Mr. Willie Henry:** Theater had 3 sold out performances of *20 Reasons not to be in a School Play* and was successful at stretching students out of their comfort zones. There will be a spring concert as well as mini shows at the open house. In Quarter 1, 70 students made the honor roll and 80 students made the honor roll in Quarter 2. Our honor roll student's respectful behavior is recognized in the community. The STEM program is gearing up for their Disney trip and their bake sale brought in around one thousand dollars. PAC has been growing successfully this year. They put on Family Fun Fest with an Art Show, Chili Cook off, and Book Fair. Our new Spanish teacher is phenomenal and we will be offering a non-graded elective for 6<sup>th</sup> graders to get their feet wet in foreign language. National Honor's Society and Jr Civitan have been successful in their service projects – participating in the Young & Homeless program and Feed My Starving Children.
- d. Business Manager, Mrs. Paige Lincoln:** Classroom Site Fund Bonuses have been paid, we received our first reimbursement from one of our State Grants, we continue to utilize grant money and look for more opportunities. Reconciliations are complete. Student enrollment has increased.

**IX. Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #6, Payroll Vouchers #11 and #12. Mrs. Marolyn Pierson moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. Board Remarks:** None.

**XI. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:06 PM. The next meeting will be February 5, 2024 at 4:30pm in the conference room.

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**February 5, 2024**

**Paige Lincoln, Business Manager**

**Date Board Approved**