

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
September 12, 2022

10720 E. 22nd. Street, Tucson, AZ 85748 Room 201
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- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
- II. **Roll Call: Present:** Board Members, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. Mr. Ivan English, Kirsten Stephens, Mrs. Marolyn Pierson and Dr. George Sokol. Mrs. Wendi Allardice, Superintendent, and Ms. Bennie Gemello, Business Manager
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart led.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the corrected minutes for the board meeting held on August 8, 2022. Mr. Ivan English moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson 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 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:** None
 - b. **Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice**
 - 1. The building at the High School is moving forward slowly. Plans with the plumbing and electric continue to be drafted and submission to the state for approval has yet happened. The deadline to spend all of the allotted ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds has been extended to September 2024.
 - 2. All campuses have a full staff. The most recent vacancy at the high school was filled last week. Due to the number of teachers hired who are new to the profession, we will be focusing professional development training on their specific needs.
 - 3. We recently had an audit of our ESSER grants.
 - 4. The State Board of Education will be releasing information soon on letter grades and the criteria used.
 - c. **Business Manager, Ms. Bennie Gemello**

1. All bank reconciliations completed
2. Current with accounts payable and accounts receivables.
3. Our audit was completed by John C Todd II CPA office. They covered the business office as well as the Grants.
4. We have 12 new hires this year and their documents are complete for their files.
5. The population report as of 8/31/2022: Kinder through 5th Grades = 181/166.5 (Kinder @.5FTE), 6th through 8th Grades = 158, 9th through 12th Grades = 169 total 508.

d. Marketing & Recruitment, Ms. Holly Halstead

1. Ms. Halstead presented advertising options from social media, word of mouth, newspaper ads, Billboard options, Bus Bench & Shelter options, Bus Options. She gave a full report of the cost and which advertising have proven successful for the Academy.

IX. Consent Agenda: Expense Vouchers #2 and Payroll Vouchers #3 and #4. Mr. Kirsten Stephens moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Board Remarks: The October meeting is cancelled and the next scheduled meeting is November 7, 2022.

XI. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:05PM. The next meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

September 13, 2022

Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved