

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
January 4, 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 and Superintendent Mr. Jose Garcia. Ms. Bennie Gemello, Business Manager. Guest: Mrs. Kirsten Stephens
- 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 December 4, 2020. 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. Mr. Ivan English moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None
- VII. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Adoption of Calendar SY 2021-2022. Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to adopt the Calendar. Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports:**
 - a. Superintendent, Mr. Jose Garcia:
 - i. All teachers returned for 2nd semester. We have a couple of teachers who are self-quarantined. One tested positive at the Middle School and 1 at the Elementary School. Mr. Garcia confirmed that we will continue our distant learning through the school year. We have a couple of teachers that work from home and the rest come physically to the school to teach their classes.
 - ii. We hired the 3rd grade teacher, Ania Zamora. She started the 2nd semester to replace the long term sub, Austin Montague.
 - iii. Vaccine is on the way for the school.

- 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. ADE adjusted our monthly equalization by the total distant learning calculation. The total amount of \$176,222.55. (\$14,685.21 a month) from the base support level adjustment. This deduction was reflected in the January 2022 distribution. We have received from the State Awarding Agency (AZ Governor's Office) the Enrollment Stabilization Grant a total of \$123, 597.78. This will help offset the distant learning adjustment. We are receiving the ESSER funds as well. We would like to recognize the efforts of Karen Hancock on these grants.
 - v. The W-2's and 1099's will be distributed in January 2021.
 - vi. Tax Credit receipts will also be mailed out in January 2021.
 - vii. Our actual enrollment numbers were uploaded to the state for 12/31/2020. Kinder through 5th Grade = 197, 6th through 8th Grade = 201, 9th through 12th Grade = 163 total 561.

IX. Consent Agenda: Expense Vouchers #6 and Payroll Vouchers #11 and 12. Ms .Kathleen Friedman moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:30PM. The next meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 at 4:00 pm. This will also be through "ZOOM".

January 4, 2021

Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved