

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
December 7, 2020

Internet "Zoom" Board Participation
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- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 2:05 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: Mr. Willie Henry, Mrs. Susan Creenan, Mrs. Jean Rhoades, Mrs. Devonne Weaver and Mr. Christopher Younggren.
- 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 November 2, 2020. Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on November 9, 2020. Mr. Ivan English moved and Dr. George Sokol 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 Ms. Kathleen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** Mrs. Jean Rhoades wanted to know our plans to have students return to the classroom. Mr. Howard C. Stewart indicated that safety and consistency for our students and staff will be adhered through the next quarter. We will continue with our distant learning. Mr. Willie Henry addressed the Board. Mr. Henry indicating that this was his first opportunity to meet the Board members and was honored to do so. Mr. Henry indicated that moving from Phoenix to Tucson has been a great experience and working with the present administration and his fellow Principals is great.
- VII. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Adoption of Audit 2019. Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to adopt the Audit. Mr. Ivan English moved and Ms. Kathleen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Approval of Kirsten Stephens new Board Member. Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr., requested a motion to approve Kirsten Stephens to

become a Board member. Mr. Jose Garcia is working on the documentation for Mrs. Stephens. Mr. Ivan English motioned and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Administrative Reports:

a. Superintendent, Mr. Jose Garcia:

- i. We have adopted the Benchmark testing K-8. We are training teachers to administer testing. This is to establish a Base Line. This is tied to State Standards.
- ii. We are upgrading with Tyler Technologies our SIS program. Mr. Garcia, principals and office managers have been attending a webinar on the new system.
- iii. COVID19. There has been staff and faculty that have experience a positive test throughout our campuses. Mr. Garcia has made sure that they adhere to the mitigation including quarantine at home and work remotely until they are well and have tested negative.
- iv. Mr. Garcia confirmed that we will continue our distant learning through the 3rd quarter of this school year.

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. We continue to transfer our Series 2020 Bond savings into Academy's savings account.
- v. Our actual enrollment numbers were uploaded to the state for 11/30/2020. Kinder through 5th Grade = 197, 6th through 8th Grade = 201, 9th through 12th Grade = 163 total 561..

IX. Consent Agenda: Expense Vouchers #5 and Payroll Vouchers #9 and 10. Dr. George Sokol moved and Ms. Kathleen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 2:45PM. The next meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm. This will also be through "ZOOM".

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Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved