

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
December 4, 2023

10720 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85748 Conference Room
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I. Call to Order: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:21 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Present: Board Members:

- Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr.
- Mrs. Marolyn Pierson
- Dr. George Sokol
- Mr. Ivan English
- Mrs. Kirsten Stephens

Others:

- Mrs. Wendi Allardice, Superintendent
- Mrs. Paige Lincoln, 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 minutes for the board meeting held on November 6, 2023. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens 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. 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: SY23 Audit Acceptance Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to accept the SY23 Audit. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Voted in Acceptance:

- Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr.
- Mrs. Marolyn Pierson
- Dr. George Sokol
- Mr. Ivan English
- Mrs. Kirsten Stephens

VIII. Administrative Reports:

- a. **Board President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr:** The board acknowledges the retirement of Bennie Gemello and deeply appreciates all her efforts for the past 17 years. It is proposed that the upcoming board meetings for the rest of SY24 be held at 4:30 instead of 4:00 starting in the January meeting. Board accepts.
- b. **Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:** The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (ASBCS) is still completing the final report for our 5-year review. All three schools had a pop-in visit to check for compliance and verify our academic systems. The ASBCS requires that all charters complete and submit the Compliance Statement of Assurance. The Compliance Statement is a document of compliance expectations and requirements as well as a list of the contractual and legal requirements for charter schools. Breakfast with Santa was Saturday and over 300 people attended. The middle school is planning for a theater show on December 15th and 16th. The high school had a music concert on Friday, December 1st and is planning a theater performance on December 7th and 8th.
- c. **Business Manager, Mrs. Paige Lincoln:** We are now compliant with our SY22 and SY23 grants after paying back IDEA funds in order to prove maintenance of effort. Audit was complete and we have a positive debt-income ratio and have positive reserves.

IX. Consent Agenda: Expense Vouchers #5, Payroll Vouchers #9 and #10, and Charter Board Compliance Statement of Assurance SY24. 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 5:46 PM. The next meeting will be January 8, 2024 at 4:30pm in the conference room.

January 8, 2024

Paige Lincoln, Business Manager

Date Board Approved