

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Academy of Tucson**  
**August 3, 2020**

<b>Internet "Zoom"</b> <b>Board Participation</b>
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- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:13 PM.
- II. **Roll Call: Present:** Board Members, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr., Mrs. Shari Stewart, Ms. Kathleen Friedman, Dr. George Sokol, Mr. Ivan English and Superintendent Mr. Jose Garcia and Business Manager Ms. Bennie Gemello.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on July 13, 2020. Mr. Ivan English moved Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. George Sokol moved and Ms. Kathleen Friedman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None.
- VII. **Administrative Reports:**
  - a. Superintendent, Mr. Jose Garcia:
    - i. School starts August 6, 2020. All teachers will be on their respective campus to teach via distant learning to their students through the first quarter.
    - ii. Waiting for Governor Ducey's announcement on August 7, 2020 regarding in person learning.
    - iii. Following CDC protocols. Staff must answer the question of how they are physically feeling before going to their classroom. Mask, social distancing, hand washing signs, and barriers are in place.
    - iv. Working on details for distant learning for Elementary and Middle Schools challenges for connectivity. Received from CenturyLink cost of fiber optics, \$50 per foot, expensive. Elementary school has very slow speed for their download abilities.
  - b. Business Manager, Ms. Bennie Gemello:
    - i. All bank reconciliations completed
    - ii. Current with accounts payable

- iii. Title I, Title II and IDEA Basic Federal Grants, have all been approved for the new school year 2021.
- iv. Audits for Pima County Assessor's office and our insurance company, Selective Insurance have been completed.
- v. Yearly audit will be in August 17, 2020.
- vi. Our estimated student count was uploaded to the state on 7/9/2020. Kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade = 220, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = 180, 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade = 175 total 575. Actual enrollment numbers: K-5 = 221, 6-8 =199, 9-12=184 total 604. Until school starts will we know the real numbers?
- vii. School calendar was uploaded to the ADE on 7/28/20 for a total of 180 days for the school year 2020-2021.
- viii. The savings we have from the refinance of our Bond has been transferred to our savings account.

**VIII. Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #1 and Payroll Vouchers #1 and 2. Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved and Mrs. Sharon Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Action Items:**

- a. **Budget Revision #1 SY 2020-2021:** Mr. Ivan English moved to approve and Mrs. Sharon Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Budget Revision #2 SY 2020-2021:** Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved to approve and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Election of Governing Board Officers: President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr., Vice-President, Mrs. Sharon Stewart, Secretary, Ms. Kathleen Friedman, Treasurer, Dr. George Sokol. Motion to accept plate of officers moved by Mrs. Sharon Stewart and seconded by Mr. Ivan English. Motion carried unanimously.**
- d. **Review of School Opening plan/Consideration of alternate course of action: Discussion.** Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved to stay with Superintendent Jose Garcia's plan of distant learning through the first quarter and revisit after the quarter ends to extend through the first semester. Mrs. Sharon Stewart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. **Board Review of Open Meeting Law:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. led the board on this discussion.

**XII. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:40PM. The next meeting will be September 8, 2020 at 2:00 pm. This will also be through "ZOOM".

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**Bennie Gemello, Business Manager**

**Date Board Approved**

