

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**The Academy of Tucson**  
**July 13, 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 5:19 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:** Dispensed per 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 June 1, 2020. Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Kathleen Friedman moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None.
- VII. **ACTION ITEMS: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion for the following items.**
  - A. Approval Administrative Contracts SY 2020-2021: Stewarts abstained from vote of approval of their salaries. Discussion regarding the qualifications of the Principals, SPED, Counselor and Athletic Director directed by Mr. Jose Garcia. Dr. George Sokol moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Approval carried unanimously.
  - B. Approval/Adoption plan for school opening 2020-2021. Attached the letter from Mr. Jose Garcia to our Student's families regarding our plans for opening school August 6, 2020. Discussion with the Board and they agreed that this plan would be a prudent start to our school year. Dr. George Sokol moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports:**
  - a. Superintendent, Mr. Jose Garcia:

- i. Attending Webinars for opening schools sponsored by ASBA, AASBO, ADE, Health Department
- ii. Attending Webinar regarding Finance specifically for COV-19 pandemic.
- iii. Fully staffed. Last hire was HS Music Director.
- iv. Chrome Books provisioned and new are ready for the school year.
- v. Contracts from all teachers received and signed.
- vi. All teachers will be on their respective campus to teach via internet to their students.

**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, monies received.
- iv. The ESSER, Care's Act, for COV-19 Grant has been approved for the Academy.
- v. Yearly audit will be in August.
- vi. Pima County Assessor and Selective Insurance are also conducting their audit of the Academy. This will be completed by 7/24/2020 or sooner.
- vii. Our estimated student count was uploaded to the state on 7/9/2020. Kinder through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade = 226, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = 180, 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade = 175.

**IX. Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #11 and 12, Payroll Vouchers #21, 22, 23 and 24. Mrs. Sharon Stewart moved and Dr. Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. Board Members Remarks (Information only): Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. discussion for the Open Meeting Law. Mr. Stewart sent to the Board members the power point presentation from Mr. Richards (lawyer) regarding the Open Meeting Law. This is an assignment for the Board to study the Law and have a discussion.**

**XII. Adjournment:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:15PM. The next meeting will be August 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm. This will also be through "ZOOM".

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**Bennie Gemello, Business Manager**

**Date Board Approved**