

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
November 4, 2019

Academy of Tucson HS Conference Room 10720 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85748

- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 absent was Business Manager Ms. Bennie Gemello.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on September 23 2019. Mr. Ivan English moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Shari Stewart moved and Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions:** None.
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion for the following items.**

Approve motion to explore moving 5th grade back to Elementary School Site.

Administrative Reports School

- IX. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Jose Garcia**
 - a.** Continued discussion was held on moving the 5th grade back to the elementary school campus. Contributing factors included
 - i. Due to a decline in enrollement at the elementary school, there is now room at the campus.
 - ii. An opportunity to retain 4th graders for another year.
 - iii. Having the 5th grade at the Elementary school is consistent with most schools and the developmental stages of the students.
 - iv. Additional room would provide an opportunity to add additional classes at the Middle School.

- b. A motion was made to proceed with moving the 5th grade back to the elementary school campus by Ivan English and seconded by Kathy Friedman. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. A discussion was held on the refinancing of the Academy's bonds as the bonds will soon be eligible for refinancing. Mr. Garcia is in the process of assembling the team necessary to proceed.
- d. ADE's school grades for school year 2018-2019: High School = A, Middle School = B, Elementary School = A.

X. Business Manger's Report: Ms. Bennie Gemello (absent) and report was printed.

- a. All accounts are up to date.
- b. All bank reconciliations have been completed.
- c. We have received initial payments for Title 1 and IDEA Basic Grants.
- d. Corrected AFR uploaded 11/7/19.
- e. We have not received the final audit reports from John C. Todd II but Jennifer Tewhill reported that this will be completed the week of 11/12/19. The debt service dispensation will be required from Hamlin Inc.
- f. First Quarter bond report was completed and sent to Community Investment Corporation.
- g. Our student count as of 11/4/19 is 600.

XI. Consent Agenda: Motioned by Ms. Kathleen Friedman seconded by Dr. George Sokol. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Expense Voucher #3 \$119,967.84
- B. Expense Voucher #4 \$ 80,684.95
- C. Payroll Voucher #6 \$146,993.30
- D. Payroll Voucher #7 \$146,388.50
- E. Payroll Voucher #8 \$147,489.62

Board Members Remarks: None

XIII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. Adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM. Next meeting January 6, 2020 at 5:00pm

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Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved