

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1  
Governing Board Regular Meeting  
Board Room  
Morrow Education Center  
1010 East Tenth Street  
Tucson, Arizona**

**January 10, 2006  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Adelita S. Grijalva, President  
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk  
Bruce Burke, Member  
Judy Burns, Member  
Joel T. Ireland, Member  
Maurice Ellis, Student Advisory Council (SAC) Liaison to the Board

**Also Present:**

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent  
Nancy Coomer, Legal Counsel  
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer  
Judith Knight, Ph.D., Associate Superintendent, Education Support Services  
Estella Zavala, Interim Director, Public Information  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Kelly Langford, Senior Academic Officer – Student Services  
Harriet Scarborough, Ph.D., Senior Academic Officer – Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Learning  
Maria Patterson, Principal Supervisor  
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor  
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor  
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources  
Bobby Johnson, Director, Employee Relations  
Kathy Rucker, Executive Director, School Health Services  
Guyton Campbell, Director, Technology and Telecommunication Services  
Bill Ball, Director, Transportation  
Lisa Long, Assistant Director, Curriculum and Technology Integration  
Alyson Nielson, Director, Employment Services, Human Resources  
Shelly Duran, Project Coordinator, Grants Accountability  
Vickie Callison, Teacher, Roberts Elementary School  
Celia Alvarez-Young, Coordinator, *Reading First*  
Doug Crockett, Manager, Assets & Energy, Facilities Management  
Irene Ogata, City of Tucson  
Norma Johnson, Policy Coordinator  
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Student Advisory Council  
Bridget Auvenshine, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Mary Alice Wallace, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board  
Robert Hersch, Executive Director, Educational Leaders, Inc.  
Phil Brenfleck, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council  
Daniel Scarpinato, *Arizona Daily Star*

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Maurice Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

SUPERINTENDENT’S AWARDS, RECOGNITION

Roger Pfeuffer recognized members of the Bright Ideas Committee – **Dana Elmer**, retired Career Education teacher from Pueblo High Magnet School; **Katie Maas**, University High School parent; **Nicole Stasinski**, community member; and **Brenda Blomquist**, Gridley Middle School eighth grade teacher – for their recommendation of placing advertisements on TUSD school buses based on their research of other school districts which have implemented similar programs. He stated the advertising will result in revenue for the District upon the Board’s approval of the program.

No action required.

SUPERINTENDENT’S STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT

Using a Power Point presentation, Roger Pfeuffer discussed the District’s progress for the last twelve months. The movement is toward a classroom-centered organization – moving from a focus on programs to a focus on the classroom, from reacting to events to planning for outcomes, and from an absence of mission, vision and values to a presence of the mission, vision, strategic priorities and values adopted in the fall. He highlighted activity in many areas of the district and expressed optimism in continuing the journey from being a good district to a great district.

No action required

Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Bruce Burke and Alex Rodriguez.

Roger Pfeuffer and David Scott provided information in response to questions concerning the AIMS test and the dropout rate.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Bruce Burke reported on a meeting he and Adelita Grijalva had with Roger Pfeuffer at the request of the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee. Adelita Grijalva suggested that a Board Member be a part of that Committee to provide reports to the Board.

No action required.

Alex Rodriguez reported on attending a first grade spelling bee during a site visit to Lineweaver Elementary School.

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### BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS (continued)

Judy Burns reported on attending a JTED (Joint Technological Education District) planning meeting after the last Board meeting. A March vote on the JTED is expected.

Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez attended the winter graduation where 360 students graduated.

### CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

Adelita Grijalva reviewed the rules for public participation at Board meetings. The following person spoke:

**Betts Putnam-Hidalgo** – Borton Primary Magnet School parent new to the district; concerned that Borton shares a principal with another school and asked about the procedure for appealing the situation.

Adelita Grijalva advised that a staff member would be responding to her questions.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 1. Student Advisory Council (SAC) Report

No action required.

Maurice Ellis, SAC President and Senior at Palo Verde High Magnet School, presented the report for the Student Advisory Council. He invited Board Members to visit the SAC page on the District website for SAC reports to the Board and a calendar of their meetings, at which Governing Board members are always welcome to attend.

#### 2. Update on *Reading First* Progress

No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer reported that a representative from the Arizona Department of Education was not able to attend so staff would present the report. Shelly Duran read a letter sent by the Arizona Department of Education containing positive feedback on their personnel's findings from monitoring six school sites' K-3 comprehensive reading program and concluding substantial compliance in all areas. Using a Power Point presentation, Vickie Callison stated that *Reading First* has been a catalyst for positive change at Roberts Elementary School. Celia Alvarez-Young discussed the future and goal of *Reading First* and that TUSD will be applying for a renewal of the program for a second three-year period. Representatives from Rose, Davidson, Menlo Park and Roberts Elementary Schools were recognized.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)**

3. Presentation by Vivian Juan Saunders, Chair of Tohono O’odham Nation, on the 2004 Education Summit Report No action required.

Adelita Grijalva announced that this presentation was being postponed due to a scheduling conflict for the Chair of the Tribe.

4. REAP (Resources Efficiency Awareness Program) Report No action required.

Using a Power Point presentation, Doug Crockett and Irene Ogata delivered information regarding REAP, including the pending problem of the elimination of excess utilities, the successes of the program, and the goals and recommendations for the future.

Board Members asking questions and/or commenting were Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, Alex Rodriguez and Judy Burns.

Doug Crockett and Roger Pfeuffer provided additional information in response to questions by Board Members concerning the State Facilities Board, the TUSD Bond program, excess utilities and the Students First legislation.

5. Summary of Selected Financial Activity and Supplemental Information for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2005 No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer commented that this is a standard, routine item, and that the summary of the six months was presented during the State of the District Report.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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| 6. | a) New positions/replacements/reinstatements of salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | Judy Burns moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously. |
|    | b) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 school year       |  |
|    | c) Contract changes for salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 school year                         |  |
|    | d) Salary changes for hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 school year                             |  |
|    | e) Separations of salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 school year                               |  |
|    | f) Separations of hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 school year                                 |  |

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**CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- g) Requests for leave of absence and issuance of contracts for certificated personnel
- h) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
- i) Requests for released time
- j) Requests for released time and travel expenses
- k) Released time for travel for Exceptional Education staff to attend grant-related meetings, conferences, trainings and business, January through December 2006
- l) Award of Bid No. IFB 06-45-10 – Educational Aids and Materials, awarded through the Southern Arizona Purchasing Consortium “SAPC” and Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures “SAVE,” to ABC School Supply, Childcraft Education Corp., Demco, Inc., Dick Blick Company, Garder’s Book Service, Highsmith, Jonathan’s Educational Resources, Inc., Kaplan Early Learning Company, Lakeshore Learning Materials, Nasco-Modesto, S&S Worldwide, Sax Arts & Crafts, School Specialty, Teacher Parent Connections, Teaching Stuff/Teaching Tools, The Library Store, Inc., and Yuma Teaching Supplies, in the estimated amount of \$2,000,000, beginning January 2006 with renewal options through June 30, 2010
- m) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
  - 1) Special Board Meeting, July 27, 2005
  - 2) Special Board Meeting, August 5, 2005
- n) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning December 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2005
- o) Cooperative Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for funding to offset cost to purchase 19 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) school buses over standard diesel buses, January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2007

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval.

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7. Establishment of a Procedure for Holding Hearings Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-532 and 38-534

Roger Pfeuffer provided background on the need for the procedure and recommended using the State Personnel Board to hear complaints that require a hearing outside of procedures dictated by current Board policies.

Board Members Adelita Grijalva and Joel Ireland asked questions, particularly related to the function and makeup of the State Personnel Board and how its membership is determined.

Bruce Burke moved approval of a procedure where complaints will be heard by the State Personnel Board; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

### STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

8. School Bus Advertising Contract and Advertisements for Approval

Roger Pfeuffer and Bill Ball presented information and responded to the Board's inquiries regarding the contract to be approved with Media Advertising in Motion (procured through the Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures "SAVE" – ref. Lake Havasu SAVE RFP #05-06-03, dated August 31, 2005) and the proposed ads for the buses.

Board Members asking questions and/or commenting were Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland.

Alex Rodriguez moved approval, Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

9. Salary Schedule for Exempt Coordinators

Roger Pfeuffer and Sue Wybraniec provided information and responded to questions concerning the reasons for the creation of a separate salary schedule for a group of employees that do not fit into another group, the number of positions and the job descriptions for those positions.

Board Members asking questions and/or commenting were Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland.

Joel Ireland moved approval, Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 3-2. Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva voted no.

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**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

10. High School Graduation Physical Education Waiver

Ross Sheard provided information on the reduction in 2008 to only one credit of Physical Education being required for graduation from high school, and requested that the Board give the Superintendent the authority to grant waivers of one PE credit from the two currently required for situations between now and 2008.

Board Member Adelita Grijalva commented.

11. AIMS Testing Appeal Letter

Ross Sheard and Roger Pfeuffer presented information regarding the appeal process for students who have missed a mandated AIMS testing and who can be excused for good reason. The State requires the Board to grant the authority for granting an appeal or a waiver.

Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva and Alex Rodriguez.

Judy Burns moved approval, Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously.

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**GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES**

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – [www.tusd.k12.az.us](http://www.tusd.k12.az.us)

**Study/Action**

12. Policy Code No. IKG – *Credit for Distance Learning Courses*

Roger Pfeuffer stated that this policy will ensure the kinds of courses that will be taken, that they meet Arizona State standards, and that principals give approval before students take the courses. All the seven districts involved in Distance Learning have adopted or are adopting a similar policy which will allow the Districts to lobby to adjust the law so that Districts are not financially penalized for full time students taking a distance learning course.

Board Member Judy Burns asked a question and commented.

Bruce Burke moved approval, Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously.

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GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES (continued)

Study/Action (continued)


13. Policy Code No. JLCE – *First Aid and Emergency Medical Care* No discussion and no action taken.

Board President Adelita Grijalva announced that this item was being pulled from the agenda.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:26 p.m.

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By   
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk  
Governing Board