

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Board Room, Morrow Education Center
1010 East Tenth Street
Tucson, Arizona 85719**

**January 11, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Mark Stegeman, President
Judy Burns, Clerk
Miguel Cuevas, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Michael Hicks, Member
Gabriel Garcia, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

Also Present:

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Adrienne Sanchez, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Nancy Woll, Chief Human Resources Officer
John Gay, Chief Information Officer
Candy Egbert, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Sam Brown, Legal Counsel
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary School Leadership
Jim Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle School Leadership
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, High School Leadership
Lupita Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Augustine Romero, Director, Student Equity
Sean Arce, Director, Mexican American Studies
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Shannon Roberts, Director, Employee Relations
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)
Ben Johnson, Member, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Captain Dave Neri, Tucson Police Department
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association
Bob Dieter, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

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ACTION

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Michael Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Stegeman asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting in Tucson on Saturday, January 8, 2011.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Gabriel Garcia introduced Ben Johnson who read a statement written by SSAC offering condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the January 8th shooting, wishing a speedy recovery to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, and expressing appreciation to individuals who heroically intervened to stop the shooting. He also noted that one of the victims, Gabe Zimmerman, was a TUSD graduate.

Gabriel Garcia presented the rest of the SSAC report that included an overview of the recent meeting held at Sahuaro High School. He reported that the next SSAC meeting will be held February 7, 2011 at Pueblo High Magnet School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

John Pedicone reported that TUSD will be developing additional procedures for the safety and security of students, staff, board members and other participants in TUSD activities.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas reported that he attended an Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) meeting, met with Tucsonans for a Sound District, and attended the inauguration for Arizona's governor.

Judy Burns commented on attending TUSD's Winter Graduation ceremony.

Mark Stegeman presented Judy Burns with a bronzed gavel memento in honor of her service as President of the Board for the last two years. Judy Burns commented briefly.

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following are names of individuals who spoke and the subject of their comments:

Individual names carried over from the December 14, 2010 board meeting:

Gabriela Mercer – Spoke as a member of TU4SD Advisory Board regarding their position on Mexican-American Studies

Karen Clayton – Training of TUSD employees in Restorative Practices.

Individuals requesting to speak at January 11, 2011 board meeting:

Roberto Rodriguez – Ceded his time to Alexandro Escamilla;

Alexandro Escamilla – Requested that the Board join in the fight to overturn HB 2281;

Richard Sanders – Security at Lyons Elementary School;

Wesley Narro – Support for Mexican American Studies;

Maria Federico Brummer – Ceded her time to Roberto Rodriguez;

Roberto Rodriguez – Status of Mexican American Studies;

Emily Jernee – Spoke as a member of TU4SD Advisory Board regarding her personal perspective on Mexican-American Studies

Angelica Penaran – Support for Mexican American Studies;

Sean Arce – Forfeited his time to speak;

Rene Martinez – Forfeited time to speak;

Curtis Acosta – Support for Mexican American Studies;

Dolores Carrion – Forfeited her time to speak;

Sally Rusk – Ceded her time to Graciela Ramirez;

Graciela Ramirez – Support for Mexican American Studies;

Lorenzo Lopez – Forfeited his time to speak;

Liz Raizk – Rincon's persistently low achieving label;

Dan McDonald – Enclosure of lobby between Tucson High's historic gym and the new gym;

Benny Young – Support for enclosure of lobby at Tucson High;

Luci Messing – Request for assistance in lobbying the state legislature on behalf of public education; budget issues; legal action in protection of Ethnic Studies programs; meet and greet with Dr. Pedicone on January 26;

Norma Gonzalez – Invitation to visit her Ethnic Studies class;

Betts Putnam-Hidalgo – Support for Ethnic Studies;

Rudolfo Aros – Support for Ethnic Studies;

Yolanda Sotelo – Forfeited her time to speak;

Jose Gonzalez – Request for the Board to join in lawsuit against HB2281.

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, and John Pedicone commented.

Individuals whose names were called but did not come forward:
Liz Kennedy, Jorge Paez

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Bob Dieter presented the SCPC report that included information on SCPC's January general meeting, the role of SCPC in disseminating information about the Strategic Facilities Master Planning Process, the February 21 general meeting, and the fact that 20 TUSD schools have not yet identified their SCPC representatives.

Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented.

3. *AZLEARNS/Elementary Secondary Education (ESEA):* Underperforming due to new Federal 1003(g) Tier 1 Persistently Low Achieving/Underperforming (Mary Meredith K-12 School); Tier II Persistently Low Achieving/Underperforming (Palo Verde High Magnet School and Rincon High School) Preliminary Plans

Information only.
No action required.

Lupita Garcia presented information and participated in discussions with Adelita Grijalva, John Pedicone, David Scott, Michael Hicks, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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| 4. | a) Salaried new hires
b) Hourly new hires
c) New hires for Food Services Department
d) Salaried separations
e) Hourly separations
f) Separations for Food Services Department
g) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel
h) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
i) Every Voice in Action Foundation Grant at Tucson High Magnet School
j) Amendment to Grant Disbursement Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and the City of Tucson to extend agreement end date to November 30, 2011 and to revise authorized programs/services for the 2010 29 th Street Coalition Weed & Seed Grant, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents
k) <i>2010-11 Arizona Explore Initiative Partner Agreement CEE37FC-15</i> between Tucson Unified School District and the ExploreAZ Project of Northern Arizona University and Arizona GEAR UP for TUSD middle schools, November 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents
l) Award of Construction Contract for Vail Middle School – Upgrades and Renovations (bond), awarded to Concord General Contracting in the amount of \$689,040.00 which includes the Base Bid, Alternate Bid No. 1 and a 10% contingency
m) Award of Construction Contract for Sabino, Sahuaro and Santa Rita High Schools – Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement (bond), awarded to Norcon Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$783,900.00 which includes the Base Bid and a 10% contingency
p) Acceptance of Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Funds for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2010
q) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning December 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010 | Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda items no. 4 (a-m) & (p-q); Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately:
Judy Burns, Item No. 4(n); Michael Hicks, Item No. 4(o)

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| 4. n) Authorization to increase the contract for Tucson High Magnet School gyms to enclose covered area between gyms (bond); contract with Sundt Construction to be increased by \$430,000.00 | Judy Burns moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Judy Burns, John Pedicone, Candy Egbert, Marcus Jones, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman discussed this item.

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| o) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings | Judy Burns moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. |
| 1. Regular Board Meeting, September 14, 2010 | Approved 4-0; |
| 2. Special Board Meeting, September 20, 2010 | Michael Hicks |
| 3. Special Board Meeting, September 27, 2010 | abstained. |

Michael Hicks commented briefly.

ACTION ITEMS

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| 5. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, New PreK-8 School | Removed from agenda.
No action taken. |
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| 6. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Interim Deputy Superintendent | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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- John Pedicone recommended Maria Menconi, effective January 18, 2011. Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns commented.

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| 7. Appointment of Student Member to the Technology Oversight Committee (TOC) | Judy Burns moved to appoint Tressa Escarpeta to serve through May 25, 2011; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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- Mark Stegeman commented on the passing of TOC member, John Paul Velasquez. Judy Burns also commented.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

8. Appointment of Tucson Unified School District Employee Benefits Trust (EBT) Board Member(s)
- Judy Burns moved to appoint Dr. Neil West and Mark Mansfield; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.
9. Addendum to Superintendent's Contract*
- *Pertaining to Paragraphs 9.C., 9.E. and 9.F. of the Contract
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.
10. Proclamation of National School Counseling Week in Tucson Unified School District, February 7-11, 2011
- Adelita Grijalva read the Proclamation in the form of a motion.
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.
11. Amendment to the 2010-2011 Executive Team Fringe Benefits, approved on September 14, 2010 as part of the Memorandum of Agreement for Exempt Administrators for the 2010-2011 SY
- John Pedicone commented briefly.
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

12. *AZ Learns: Arizona School Improvement Plans for Underperforming Schools* (Blenman Elementary, Drachman K-6 Montessori Magnet, Johnson Primary, Robison Elementary, Hohokam Middle, and Roberts/Naylor K-8 Schools and Project MORE
- Michael Hicks moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Lupita Garcia presented information and she and Dr. Pedicone responded to comments from Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, and Miguel Cuevas.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

13. *Elementary School Education Act (ESEA)* formerly known as *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)*: Arizona School Improvement Plans for Federal Year 1 (Cragin Elementary, Davidson Elementary, Drachman K-6 Montessori Magnet, Lynn/Urquides Elementary [frozen], Mary Meredith K-12, and Southwest Alternative Middle Schools); Year 2 (Robison Elementary School, Safford K-8 School and Teenage Parent Program); Corrective Action (Myers-Ganoung Elementary and Roberts/Naylor K-8 Schools); Planning for Restructuring (Hohokam, Maxwell and Valencia Middle Schools); and Implementing Restructuring Plan (Wakefield Middle School)

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved 4-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.

John Pedicone and Lupita Garcia commented briefly.

14. Initiation of the Naming of the New PreK-8 School
- Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, John Pedicone, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas and Candy Egbert participated in the discussion of this item.

Studied only.
No action taken.

15. Proposal of a High School Liaison Program with Tucson Police Department
- John Pedicone, Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Tucson Police Department Captain David Neri, Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks participated in the discussion prior to the vote.

Michael Hicks moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 4-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Adelita Grijalva: Requested a list of the restorative practice training dates (perhaps via *Friday Report/Board Update*); requested information regarding the expedience on vacant TUSD facilities, particularly related to what is happening with them

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:25 p.m.

Approved this _____ 14th _____ day of _____ June _____, 2011.
Corrected and approved 8th of November, 2011.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____
Miguel Cuevas, President
Governing Board

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