

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

**January 12, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Judy Burns, President
Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member
Farnaz Nasr, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

Also Present:

Elizabeth Celandia-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer
Jay Johnston, Chief Operations Officer (departing)
John Carroll, Interim Chief Operations Officer (incoming)
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools
Lupita Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Brian MacMaster, Director, Technology Services
Leon George, Director, Purchasing Services
Roxanne Begay-James, Director, Native American Studies
Sean Arce, Director, Mexican American Studies
Leona Linton, Math Specialist, High Schools
Holly Colonna, Counselor
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association
Marivel Roybal, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
Lourdes Serna, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Robert O'Toole, Chair, Technology Oversight Committee
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:59 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miguel Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.
No action required.

Farnaz Nasr presented the report of the SSAC meeting held on January 11, 2010. Topics discussed at the meeting included on-line registration, concerns about the Post Unitary Plan, budget cuts, Site Councils, and school mergers. Judy Burns commented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

In her report, Liz Fagen introduced John Carroll who will serve as Interim Chief Operations Officer (COO) following the departure of Jay Johnston. Dr. Carroll is a Pima Community College employee who will be working as COO for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Additional topics in Dr. Fagen's report included (1) the Court's approval of the Post Unitary Status Plan; (2) the TUSD drive through Winterhaven initiated by bus drivers who volunteered their time and funded by Clean Energy who donated fuel for the buses; (3) the \$100,000 annual savings in fuel taxes, thanks to the idea of employee Alfred Polito; (4) University High School's ranking of 21st in *US News and World Report's* listing of Top Best High Schools in America; (5) the naming of two TUSD elementary school principals, Cheri La Rochelle – Hudlow and Elizabeth Redondo – Mission View, as finalists in the 2010 Rodel Exemplary Principal Initiative; (6) the National Board Certification of teachers Cheryl Dow, Laurie Harman and Molly Reed; and (7) receipt of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science by teacher Dana Islas.

Judy Burns and Bruce Burke commented.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Adelita Grijalva reported on her recent trip to Israel to visit boarding schools and on her site visits to Drachman Primary Magnet School and Tucson High Magnet School. She also expressed her appreciation to members of the Independent Citizens Committee (ICC) and others who have been part of the desegregation process over the years.

Miguel Cuevas also expressed appreciation to members of the ICC.

Judy Burns and Bruce Burke commented.

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Judy Burns announced that Agenda Item Nos. 13, 14 and 15 were being removed from this agenda and will be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

Cheryl Bowman – TUSD school calendar;

Kevin Crandall – Requesting an agenda item related to an Articulation Committee Report and equity in per-pupil funding;

Luci Messing – Partnership to address legislative issues related to education funding.

Individuals whose names were called but were not present:

George Puckett

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Lourdes Serna stated that District Council members will meet on January 25th to finalize plans for the annual SCPC Joint Meeting to be held on February 15, 2010, where Liz Fagen and Bonnie Betz will be keynote speakers presenting information on the state of the TUSD budget.

3. Update on the *Humana Challenge* (Board Member Bruce Burke)

Information only.
No action required.

Bruce Burke presented a brief update and noted that the challenge ends Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas and Adelita Grijalva commented.

4. Presentation on Mexican American Studies Program Direction and Goals for Student Achievement

Information only.
No action required.

Sean Arce presented information on the vision, goals and strategies of the Mexican American Studies Department and responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Bruce Burke.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

5. Presentation on Native American Studies Program
Direction and Goals for Student Achievement
- Information only.
No action required.

Roxanne Begay-James presented an overview of the Native American Studies Program and its impact on student achievement. She responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, and Mark Stegeman.

6. Presentation on FY 2010 Budget Status and Update on FY
2011 Budget Development
- Information only.
No action required.

Bruce Burke, Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas and Liz Fagen commented in response to the presentation by Bonnie Betz.

7. Update on E-Rate Progress
- Information only.
No action required.

Jay Johnston provided an update on E-Rate progress; he and Brian MacMaster responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman.

8. Update on RFP 11-01-15 District Internet Service and RFP
11-02-15 Wide Area Network
- Information only.
No action required.

Jay Johnston and Liz Fagen provided an update on the procedures and the progress for posting, pre-bid conferencing, bid opening and evaluations of the Request for Proposals for District Internet Service and Wide Area Network. Board members commenting were Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, and Miguel Cuevas. Rob Ross also commented.

9. Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student
Activity Funds for the Six Months Ending December 31,
2009
- Information only.
No action required.

Liz Fagen commented briefly and Bonnie Betz responded to a question from Adelita Grijalva.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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| 10. | a) Salaried new hires
b) Hourly new hires
c) New hires for Food Services Department
d) Salaried changes
e) Hourly changes
f) Salary changes for Food Services Department
g) Salaried separations
h) Hourly separations
i) Separations for Food Services Department
j) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel
k) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
l) 2010-2011 Tucson Unified School District School Calendar
m) Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Tucson Unified School District and Tucson Youth Development, Inc. – <i>School Plus Jobs Program</i> , for the 2009-2010 School Year (Cholla, Pueblo, and Tucson High Magnet Schools, and Santa Rita High School)
n) Permission to issue RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for Construction Manager at Risk Services for Site #143 – Via Ingresso – New K-8 School (bond funds)
p) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning December 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009 | Bruce Burke moved approval of 10 (a-n) and (p); Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Liz Fagen recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Miguel Cuevas requested Consent Agenda Items No. 10 (o) and (q) be considered separately.

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| 10. | o) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
1) Special Board Meeting, October 20, 2009
2) Regular Board Meeting, November 10, 2009
3) Special Board Meeting, November 24, 2009
4) Special Board Meeting, December 8, 2009
5) Regular Board Meeting, December 8, 2009
6) Special Board Meeting, January 5, 2010 | Judy Burns moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Judy Burns noted that with approval of these minutes, the Board Minutes are up to date. Miguel Cuevas and Bruce Burke commented.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

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| 10. q) Statement of Charges and Resolution to Send Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certified Teacher and determine whether to appoint hearing officer to conduct dismissal hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-541 | Removed from agenda. No action required. |
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Liz Fagen advised the matter has been resolved.

ACTION ITEMS

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| 11. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Chief Human Resources Officer

Liz Fagen recommended Nancy Woll. Miguel Cuevas commented. | Bruce Burke moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| 12. Proclamation: <i>National School Counseling Week</i> in Tucson Unified School District, February 1-5, 2010

Liz Fagen introduced the item and recommended approval. Adelita Grijalva read the proclamation in the form of a motion. | Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| 13. 2009-2010 Agreement for Supervisory Confidential Employees | Removed from agenda. No action taken. |
| 14. 2009-2010 Agreement for Exempt Coordinators | Removed from agenda. No action taken. |
| 15. 2009-2010 Agreement for Exempt Administrators | Removed from agenda. No action taken. |

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

16. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code BEDBA – *Board Meeting Agenda Preparation* (review)

Miguel Cuevas provided a brief history of the policy and stated that the Subcommittee recommends making no changes.

Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas discussed provisions for making a distinction between whether an item was placed on the agenda via an individual board member or via Agenda Committee recommendation (apart from items generated by the Superintendent).

There was also a brief discussion about revising Policy BEDBA by returning to the former practice of the Agenda Committee being comprised of the Superintendent, the Board President and a third board member serving in a quarterly rotation. Current provisions of Policy BEDBA stipulate Committee membership as the President and Clerk of the Board and the Superintendent.

17. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code DJ – *Purchasing Procedures* (revision)

Rob Ross outlined recommended revisions to Policy DJ and he and Bonnie Betz and Leon George responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, and Bruce Burke.

18. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code IKF – *Graduation Requirements* (revision)

Liz Fagen, Edith Macklin-Isquierdo and Leona Linton presented information and responded to comments from Miguel Cuevas and Judy Burns.

Adelita Grijalva moved to revise the policy to reflect rotating board members as the third member of the Agenda Committee; Bruce Burke seconded. Motion failed 2-3. Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns voted no.

(No further action taken, thus Policy BEDBA remains unchanged.)

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – www.tusd1.org

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

- 19. Consideration of a Revised Charter for the Technology Oversight Committee (TOC)

Studied only.
No action taken.

There was a lengthy discussion that included scheduling a joint meeting between the Board and the TOC, the role and operation of the Committee, communication and procurement issues, legal matters, etc. Individuals participating in the discussion were Liz Fagen, Judy Burns, Jay Johnston, Bruce Burke, Mark Stegeman, Rob Ross, and Miguel Cuevas.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Adelita Grijalva requested an update on revenue generation through grant applications, including *Race to the Top*. She also asked for a discussion of the possibility of utilizing TUSD schools as preschools and/or day care centers.

Mark Stegeman proposed an agenda item related to Traditional Program per-pupil funding..

Judy Burns and Liz Fagen commented.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:18 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of February, 2010.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By

Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Governing Board

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