

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

**January 15, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Alex Rodriguez, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Joel T. Ireland, Member
Ariana Garcia, Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) Representative

Also Present:

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Beatriz Rendon, Chief Executive Officer
Steve Holmes, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Albert Siqueiros, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Legal Counsel
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communication and Media Relations
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Elizabeth Moll, Director, Professional Learning
James Fish, Principal Supervisor
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Maggie Shafer, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Marisa Mandal, Acting Executive Director, Financial Services
Rudy Flores, Interim Executive Director, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Alyson Nielson, Director, Employment Services, Human Resources
Mary Veres, Interim Director, Technology and Telecommunications Services
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Augustine Romero, Director, Mexican American/Raza Studies
Lisa Long, Director, Curriculum and Instruction
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council
Jacob Wardel, 2007 Ambassador, America-Israel High School Youth Ambassadors Student Exchange Program
Laura Libby, 2007 Ambassador, America-Israel High School Youth Ambassadors Student Exchange Program
Joyce Meyer, Cholla High Magnet School
Patricia Dienz, Principal, Pueblo High School
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Steve Courter, President, Tucson Education Association
Phil Brenfleck, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Konstantinos Kalaitzidis, Tucson Citizen

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:36 P.M.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ariana Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

Alex Rodriguez led in a moment of silence to offer condolences to the families of University High School Teacher Patrick McAndrews, Santa Rita High School Student Derreck Burruss, and Retired TUSD Administrator Lamond Preston.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.
No action required.

Ariana Garcia summarized SSAC's most recent meeting activities, including reports from Roger Pfeuffer, SSAC committee work and participation in Love of Reading at Howenstine High Magnet School.

Alex Rodriguez commented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer commented on district efforts to communicate with students and parents about the specialty programs offered in TUSD schools and the opportunities for school choice. He presented a brief video and acknowledged the Communications Department and the efforts of students Robert Codona and Eddie Federico and their instructor, Mike Cohen, in putting the video together.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Joel Ireland commented that because he is not feeling well, he may be in and out of the meeting.

Judy Burns asked that a board member who was able to attend Winter Graduation report on the event.

Adelita Grijalva reported that more graduates (300+) were part of Winter Graduation than in previous years and it was an exciting, joyful evening.

Alex Rodriguez commented on recent visits to Rincon/University High School.

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following persons spoke:

- Karen Greene** – Spoke in support of elementary school librarians;
- Susan Crane** – Shared her perspective on the importance of elementary school librarians;
- Clyde Phillips** – Expressed concerns about the money being spent in Raza Studies;
- Tom Tobin** – Spoke in support of expanding University High School (UHS) to accommodate more students;
- Earl Mendenhall** – Expressed thanks for district leadership in relation to University High School;
- Elizabeth Salper** – Shared the positive impact of teacher librarians on students;
- Tonia Cassels** – Spoke in support of teacher librarians;
- Bob Dohse** – Commented on the need for people across the world to get to know one another, e.g., foreign student exchanges;
- Leslie Kunkel** – Spoke about positive impact of librarians on achievement;
- Murielle Coste** – Shared the various duties and the importance of school librarians;
- Rafael Fontes** – Commented on his experiences at UHS and his support of a clearly defined and separate campus;
- Lisa Bunker** – Read a letter from a professional library association, REFORMA;
- Elijah Sensibar** – Spoke in support of his school librarian;
- Joe Trudel** – Expressed concerns about the public school system;
- Laura Leighton** – Shared concerns about the teachings in Raza Studies books;
- Joe Sweeney** – Requested an alternative to Raza Studies.

Individuals whose names were called but were not present: **Lara Coggin, Beth Malapones**

Joel Ireland, Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez commented.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 2. TUSD Participation in America-Israel High School Youth Ambassadors Exchange Program | Information only.
No action required. |
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Following brief comments from Roger Pfeuffer, Jennifer Sprung, Jacob Wardel and Laura Libby presented information on the Program and responded to comments and questions from board members Adelita Grijalva, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

Alex Rodriguez took a moment to recognize Ray Davies and Burney Starks in the audience.

3. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Phil Brenfleck presented the Report including comments related to appreciation for the board leadership of president and clerk, both past and present; and the SCPC's involvement on the Advisory Committee for the superintendent search.

Alex Rodriguez commented.

4. TUSD Opportunities for Acceleration

Information only.
No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer, Patti Lopez, Steve Holmes and Joyce Meyer presented information and responded to board members' comments and inquiries.

Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Joel Ireland and Bruce Burke commented and/or asked questions.

5. Summary of Selected Financial Activity and Supplemental Information for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2007

Information only.
No action required.

Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Joel Ireland and Alex Rodriguez commented.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. a) Salaried New Hires for the 2007-2008 school year
- b) Hourly New Hires for the 2007-2008 school year
- c) New Hires for Food Services Department for the 2007-2008 school year
- d) Salaried Changes for the 2007-2008 school year
- e) Hourly Changes for the 2007-2008 school year
- f) Salary Changes for Food Services Department for the 2007-2008 school year
- g) Teachers hired through teacher pool process for the 2007-2008 school year
- h) Salaried Separations for the 2007-2008 school year
- i) Hourly Separations for the 2007-2008 school year
- j) Separations for Food Services Department Classified Personnel for the 2007-2008 school year

Joel Ireland moved approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 (a-p), (r-z), (ac-af), and (ah-aj); Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 6. k) Requests for leave of absence for certificated personnel
- l) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
- m) Requests for leave of absence for administrator
- n) Request to cancel Board-approved leave of absence
- o) Request to change Board-approved leave of absence
- p) Requests for released time
- r) Resolution Requesting Advance Payment of State Aid
- s) Funding proposal: Arizona Department of Education - Career and Technical Education Statewide Advanced Placement Pilot Grant for Pueblo Magnet High School for 2007-2008
- t) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education - Career and Technical Education Statewide Advanced Placement Pilot Grant for University High School for 2007-2008
- u) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education – Career and Technical Education Innovation Grant
- v) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education – School Safety Program Grant and Agreement with Pima County Juvenile Court Center, effective July 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008, with authorization for the Program Director to execute documents (renewal)
- w) Arizona School Facilities Board Energy Grant Applications
- x) Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County and Tucson Unified School District for Pima County Before and After School and Summer Recreation Program for Elementary Schools, effective August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008
- y) Regional Science Center Cost Reimbursable Agreement between the Arizona Academy Leadership and Tucson Unified School District, effective August 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010
- z) Regional Science Center Cost Reimbursable Agreement between Flowing Wells School District and Tucson Unified School District, effective June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, subject to annual review for performance by both parties

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 6. ac) Award of Food Services Bid No. 07FR1 – Frozen Food Items, Group 1 to Malone Meat & Poultry, Shamrock Foods, East Side Entrees, Tampa Bay Fisheries, Inc., Los Cabos (MCI), Jones Dairy Farm, and Epicurean Foods in the amount of \$760,500.00
- ad) Award of Food Services Bid No. 08CN – Canned Fruits and Vegetables to Malone Meat & Poultry, Shamrock Foods, Epicurean Foods, and Kellogg Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$438,000.00
- ae) Award of Food Services Bid No. 08SS – Single Service and Disposable Food Servicing Supplies to Malone Meat & Poultry, Albar Pkg. Supply Co., Epicurean Foods, Shamrock Foods, F & S Distributors, Palmer & Associates, Inc., Wallace Packaging, LLC, Western Paper Distributors, Sun West Container, Nosaj Disposables, Inc., and Merit Foods of Arizona in the amount of \$415,000.00
- af) Award of Bid No. 7209 – Exceptional Education Contracted Employees, starting with the 2006-2007 FY and ending on June 30, 2011; awarded to Teresa Bryant, Guy Garcia and Patricia Hageman in a multi-term contract not to exceed five consecutive fiscal years in the amount of \$400,000 per year
- ah) Grant electrical right-of-way easement to Tucson Electric Power Company, Wright Elementary School Head Start addition with authorization for the District Planner to execute easement documents
- ai) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 1. Regular Board Meeting, October 9, 2007
 2. Special Board Meeting w/BRC, October 16, 2007
 3. Special Board Meeting, October 23, 2007 (6:15 p.m.)
 4. Special Board Meeting, October 23, 2007 (7:30 p.m.)
 5. Special Board Meeting, October 30, 2007
 6. Special Board Meeting, November 13, 2007
 7. Regular Board Meeting, November 13, 2007
- aj) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning December 1, 2007, and ending December 31, 2007

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Judy Burns requested that Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 (q), (aa), (ab), and (ag) be considered separately.

6. q) Requests for released time and travel expenses

Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva and Joel Ireland commented.

Joel Ireland moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

aa) PeopleSoft Technical Support Services License Renewal of Contract No. P-97-887-00-000-21, effective December 18, 2007 – December 18, 2008

In response to an inquiry from Judy Burns, Roger Pfeuffer and Mary Veres provided additional information.

Joel Ireland moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

ab) Award of Bid No. 08-79-08 – Catalina Magnet High School North Renovation (bond), awarded to Caymus Corporation in the amount of \$337,480.00, including the Base Bid and a contingency of 10 percent

Marcus Jones responded to questions from Judy Burns.

Joel Ireland moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

ag) Purchases of middle school computers under Arizona State Contract No. EPS050046-5 in the amount of \$1,442,454.49

In response to a question from Judy Burns, Mary Veres provided additional information.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Proclaim TUSD's participation in National School Counseling Week, February 4-8, 2008

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval.

Adelita Grijalva read the proclamation as a motion to approve; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

8. Ratification of the revision and expansion of the process for the Superintendent Search Advisory Committee by Board President and Lead Person for the Superintendent Search on December 18, 2007, originally approved December 11, 2007
- Judy Burns moved to ratify; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Joel Ireland presented clarifying information. Bruce Burke and Alex Rodriguez commented.

9. Appoint members to Superintendent Search Advisory Committee
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Judy Burns seconded.

Adelita read the names of 22 individuals nominated to serve on the Committee that represented identified groups. Alex Rodriguez commented. The list of Committee members is attached and made part of these minutes.

Approved unanimously.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

10. Arizona School Improvement Plans for Warning Year (Davidson, Ft. Lowell, Hollinger, Myers-Ganoung, and Oyama Elementary Schools); First Year (Robison Elementary School and Hohokam, Naylor, Safford and Valencia Middle Schools); Second Year (Cavett Elementary School and Wakefield and Maxwell [Frozen] Middle Schools); one Corrective Action Schools (Roberts Elementary School [Frozen]); and one School in Restructure (Lawrence Intermediate School [Frozen]) – Implementation Year Under the No Child Left Behind Act
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 3-0. Judy Burns and Joel Ireland were not present for the vote.

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval and he and Steve Holmes presented information. Alex Rodriguez commented.

11. AZ Learns: Arizona School Improvement Plans for Underperforming (Davidson, Ft. Lowell, Robison, Dietz, Ochoa, and Wright Elementary Schools and Hohokam, Safford, Valencia, Wakefield, Maxwell and Utterback Middle Schools); and Failing School (Naylor Middle School)
- Bruce Burke moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 3-0. Judy Burns and Joel Ireland were not present for the vote.

Roger Pfeuffer commented briefly and recommended approval. Steve Holmes provided additional information.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Review of new graduation requirements and consideration of new courses to be included in the Fall 2008 Course Catalog

Roger Pfeuffer, Steve Holmes, Patricia Dienz and Lisa Long presented information and responded to board members' comments and inquiries.

Adelita Grijalva, Alex Rodriguez, and Joel Ireland commented and/or asked questions. It was clarified in the discussion that at this point, the action requested of the Board is approval of the new courses. Authorization for any new graduation requirements would take place at another time.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval of the Fall 2008 Course Catalog; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-0; Judy Burns was not present for the vote.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:48 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of March, 2008.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Adelita Grijalva, Clerk
Governing Board

ATTACHMENT
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Superintendent Search Advisory Committee Members

Board/Group	Name
Burke	Michael Duran
Burns	Miguel Cuevas
Grijalva	Augustine Romero
Ireland	Gloria Copeland
Rodriguez	Celestino Fernandez (Dr.)
TEA	Steve Courter
AFSCME	Brenda Lambach
ELI	Patricia J. Dienz
CWA	James Baker
SCPC	Steven C. Freeman
EEF	Naomi Karp
SSAC	Arlene Vargas
ICC	Clarence Boykins
DAC	Teresa Guerrero
BRC	Rick Myers
BFOC	Robin Hiller
Bd Audit Cte	Mark Stegeman, Ph.D.
OMA	Mary Belle McCorkle, Ed.D.
AASD	Daisy Jenkins
Mexican Am/ Raza	Julio Cammarota, Ph.D.
Indian Ed Adv Cte	Lydia Stanton
Pan Asian	Marie Hanna