

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

**January 24, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Mark Stegeman, President  
Michael Hicks, Clerk  
Miguel Cuevas, Member  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member [Arrived at 7:10 p.m.]  
Alexandre Sugiyama, Member

**Also Present :**

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer (Interim)  
Pam Palmo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer  
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary School Leadership  
Jim Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle School Leadership  
Richard Gastellum, Interim Assistant Superintendent, High School Leadership  
Lupita Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach  
Tina Stephens, Director of School Improvement  
Augustine Romero, Director, Student Equity  
Sean Arce, Director, Mexican American Studies  
Cara Rene, Director, Communications  
Paula Stilwell, Director, Payroll  
Abel Morado, Principal, Tucson High Magnet School  
Teri Polan, Principal, Mary Meredith K-12  
Ruben Diaz, Principal, Wakefield Middle School  
Maria Figueroa, Principal, Tolson Elementary School  
John Howe, Principal, Carson Middle School  
Jeff Coleman, Director, School Safety, & Staff  
Norma Galindo, Manager, Instructional LAN Support  
Ron Shoopman, Arizona Business and Education Coalition  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board  
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association  
Alexis Huicochea, *Arizona Daily Star*

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 6:59 p.m.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –
  - A. Personnel issues pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4)
    - 1) Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
  - B. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(7)
    - 1) Land disposition – school sites
    - 2) Westside Transportation
  - C. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(5)
    - 1) Negotiations with employee organizations

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

**SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED** – 6:59 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED**– 8:15 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

No action required.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

No action required.

John Pedicone introduced Ron Shoopman who presented a banner to University High School (UHS) in recognition of an award from the Arizona Business and Education Coalition as an *All Subject Higher Performing School*, the only Tucson school to receive this honor and one of only 13 statewide. Mr. Shoopman commented on the criteria for the award and congratulated UHS.

Miguel Cuevas commented briefly.

**STUDY ITEM**

2. Academic Achievement Progress Report

Studied only.  
No action taken.

John Pedicone made introductory comments. David Scott, Maggie Shafer, Maria Figueroa, Jim Fish, John Howe, Richard Gastelum, and Tina Stephens provided information as a part of the Report and participated in a discussion with John Pedicone, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, and Michael Hicks.

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS**

3. AZLEARNS: Arizona Continuous School Improvement Plans for Underperforming Schools

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

Following brief comments from John Pedicone, Lupita Garcia presented information on this item as well as Item No. 4. Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman commented.

4. Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Formerly Known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB): Arizona Continuous School Improvement Plans for Federal Year 1, Year 2, Corrective Action, Planning for Restructuring and Implementing Restructuring

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

Consideration of extending the meeting beyond the 10:00 p.m. curfew, to 10:30 p.m., in accordance with Governing Board Policy BDAA – Procedures for Governing Board Members

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

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

5. Technology Oversight Committee Charter Changes Concerning Voting Membership and Quorum

Studied only.  
No action taken.

Mark Stegeman provided an overview of the proposed changes and participated in a discussion with Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, and Alex Sugiyama.

**ACTION ITEMS**

6. 2012-2013 Tucson Unified School District School Calendar

Miguel Cuevas moved approval of Calendar A, to include the request as noted\*; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

John Pedicone and Lupita Garcia outlined the process for generating options for the school calendar for 2012-2013. Dr. Garcia also pointed out the basic differences in Calendars A and B. Staff recommended approval of Calendar A. Maggie Shafer also commented.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Alex Sugiyama, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks.

Mr. Cuevas' motion to approve Calendar A included the \*request for a report to the Board within three months regarding possible community resources that would be available for parents needing childcare during Spring and Fall breaks

7. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers—Director, Grants, Partnerships and Resource Management

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

John Pedicone recommended Kristina Allen.

Adelita Grijalva requested that the Board address Item No. 8 before adjourning the meeting.

Miguel Cuevas moved to extend the meeting to address Item No. 8; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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| 8. | Update on E-Rate Status and Progress of the WAN Implementation | Information only.<br>No action taken. |
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John Gay provided the update and responded to board member comments. Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman commented.

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| 9. | Board Member Report on Technology Oversight Committee | Item postponed. |
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**SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED** – 10:30 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ 10<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_ July, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Hicks, Clerk  
Governing Board

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