

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

**February 9, 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 Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer  
John Carroll, Interim Chief Operations Officer  
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel  
Michael Areinoff, Legal Counsel  
Nancy Woll, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools  
James Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools  
Donna Lewis, Director, Middle Schools  
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools  
Lupita Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Augustine Romero, Director, Student Equity  
Jimmy Hart, Director, African American Studies  
Mary Canty, Video Producer  
Jes Ruvalcaba, Graphic Designer  
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds  
Jennifer Sprung, SSAC Sponsor  
Phyllis Burks, Teacher, Robison Elementary School  
Phil Swaim, Swaim and Associates  
Kevin Crandall, Parent  
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  
Cheryl Bowman, Co-Moderator, School Community Partnership Council  
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 6:32 p.m.

No action required.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Adelita Grijalva led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Farnaz Nasr presented the SSAC Report outlining discussions at the most recent meeting, including information on school mergers, technology upgrades, high school registration, class offerings, and the new TUSD website.

Information only.  
No action required.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Liz Fagen reported on the launching of TUSD's new website and provided a visual overview of the site.

Judy Burns and Farnaz Nasr commented.

No action required.

**BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Bruce Burke gave a final report on the *Humana Challenge* competition with the City Council. As the winner of the competition, the City received a trophy and chose Tucson Parks Foundation as the recipient of Humana's contribution. Mr. Burke expressed appreciation to Humana and to the City Council. Further, Bruce reported that he attended a meeting of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council to thank them for their support of the override election held last November.

Mark Stegeman participated in a memorial service honoring educator Maurice Grossman.

Miguel Cuevas visited Tucson High during the preregistration process. He also visited Catalina, Wrightstown and Rincon schools.

Adelita Grijalva attended a Partnership meeting and encouraged board members to participate in *Love of Reading*.

Judy Burns shared that she met with staff on various occasions and with members of the League of Women Voters regarding a study they are doing related to charter schools.

No action required.

## ITEM

## ACTION

### CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

**Martin Modesto** – Communication issues with TUSD leadership related to awarding credit for certain classes at Rincon High School;

**Sylvia DeLeon** – Concerns over communication during a recent meeting with TUSD leadership;

**Tyler Hartung** – Concerns over communication during a recent meeting with TUSD leadership;

**Leslie Franzblau** – Curriculum offerings and the relationship between University and Rincon High Schools sharing a campus;

**George Puckett** – Desegregation and its impact on African American children;

**John Hunnicutt** – Outrage over waste in TUSD and not using the Technology Oversight Committee to review procurements;

**Lori Hunnicutt** – Using the resources of the Technology Oversight Committee;

**Curtis Dutiel** – Disrespect of students during a meeting with TUSD leadership; not using the resources of the Technology Oversight Committee;

**Michael Serres** – Support for the Rincon High School principal;

**Marisol Aguire** – Support for Raza Studies at Tucson High Magnet School;

**Andrew Marlin** – Closing or merging Howenstine High School with another school;

**Kathy Schultz** – Thanks to Board and Superintendent and staff regarding retention bonuses.

Miguel Cuevas, Bruce Burke, and Judy Burns commented.

### INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

#### 2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.  
No action required.

Cheryl Bowman announced that on February 15 the joint area SCPC will meet, during which time Dr. Fagen will present the “State of the District” address. In addition, Bonnie Betz will speak about the budgeting process for the next school year. Further, Ms. Bowman reported that another joint meeting will be held on April 19.

Judy Burns and Bruce Burke commented.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

3. Presentation on the African American Studies Program Direction and Goals for Student Achievement – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva
- Information only.  
No action required.

After an introduction by Dr. Fagen, Jimmy Hart presented information on the African American Studies Department's direction and goals for student achievement. Mr. Hart responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns.

4. Presentation on Cost and Implementation of Recording Board Meetings
- Information only.  
No action required.

Following introductory comments from Judy Burns and Liz Fagen, Mary Canty presented information and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas.

5. New K-8 School Design Update
- Information only.  
No action required.

Liz Fagen and John Carroll commented briefly prior to Phil Swaim updating the Governing Board on the history, process, and timeline for the new K-8 school.

6. Update on Revenue Generation through Grants Including *Race to the Top* – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva
- Information only.  
No action required.

Following comments by Liz Fagen, Bonnie Betz presented information via PowerPoint. Both Dr. Fagen and Ms. Betz responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, and Mark Stegeman.

7. Traditional Pipeline Update Process – Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman
- Information only.  
No action required.

Liz Fagen commented briefly about the presentation. Edith Macklin-Isquierdo provided information on the working relationship with the advisory committee, the role of the committee and the issues being addressed related to the traditional pipeline process. In response to a request from Mark Stegeman, Kevin Crandall commented from the audience. Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke and Miguel Cuevas also commented.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

- |    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 8. | Presentation on FY 2010 Budget Status and Update on FY 2011 Budget Development | Information only.<br>No action required. |
|----|--|--|

Bonnie Betz provided an update on this year's budget and the status of 2011 budget development. Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented.

- |    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 9. | Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Funds for the Seven Months Ending January 31, 2010 | Information only.<br>No action required. |
|----|---|--|

Bonnie Betz responded to comments from Adelita Grijalva.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- |     |   |  |
|-----|---|--|
| 10. | a) Salaried new hires<br>b) Hourly new hires<br>c) New hires for Food Services Department<br>d) Salaried changes<br>e) Hourly changes<br>f) Salary changes for Food Services Department<br>g) Salaried separations<br>h) Hourly separations<br>i) Separations for Food Services Department<br>j) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel<br>k) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel<br>l) Requests for leave of absence for Food Services Department<br>m) Request to cancel Board-approved leave of absence<br>n) Addendum to Letters of Assurance list for administrators for the 2009-2010 School Year, approved by the Board on May 26, 2009<br>o) Increase of funds for Sun Tran bus passes for middle and high school students<br>p) Funding Proposal: Arizona Humanities Council – Funding for the Four Elements Art Education and Literacy Team at Tucson High Magnet School to develop a <i>Four Elements Curriculum and Teacher Workshop</i> for elementary and middle schools, effective 10/21/09-5/31/10, with authorization for Contracts Manager to execute any additional agreements/contracts necessary | Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda Items No.10 (a-r) and (u-aa); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
|-----|---|--|

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 10. q) Intergovernmental Agreement between the University of Arizona Center for Recruitment and Retention of Mathematics Teachers and Tucson Unified School District to provide professional development, mentoring and support to middle and high school teachers of mathematics for the 2009-2010 SY, with authorization for Superintendent to execute any agreements or contracts necessary to effect the purposes of the Agreement
- r) Intergovernmental Agreement between Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Pima County and Tucson Unified School District to award funding to Johnson Primary and Lawrence Intermediate Schools, with authorization for Superintendent to execute agreements/contracts necessary to effect the purposes of the Agreement
- u) Award of Food Services Bid No. 10SS – Single Service and Disposable Food Services Supplies, effective March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011, awarded to Malone Meat & Poultry; Merit Foods of Arizona; Shamrock Foods; F & S Distributors; Albar Pkg. Supply Co.; Palmer & Associates, Inc.; Wallace Packaging, LLC; Epicurean Foods; Webco Packaging, Inc.; Nosaj Disposables, Inc. in the amount of \$424,333.00
- v) Award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 10-85-10 – Construction Manager at Risk Services for Site No. 143 – Via Ingresso New K-8 School, with authorization for Bonds & Architecture Program Manager to negotiate contracts (bond), awarded to Sundt in the estimated amount of \$95,000.00
- w) Permission to Bid – Kitchen Renovations – Miller, Grijalva and Maldonado Elementary Schools, with authorization for Bonds & Architecture Program Manager to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- x) Permission to Bid – Cholla Magnet High School – Roofing Project, with authorization for Bonds & Architecture Program Manager to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- y) Permission to Bid – Cholla Magnet High School – Site and Utility Improvement Project, with authorization for Bonds and Architecture Program Manager to advertise for sealed bids (bond)

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- z) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
  - 1) Special Board Meeting, January 12, 2010
  - 2) Regular Board Meeting, January 12, 2010
  - 3) Special Board Meeting, January 20, 2010
  - 4) Special Board Meeting, January 26, 2010
- aa) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning January 1, 2010, and ending January 31, 2010

Judy Burns requested Consent Agenda items No. 10(s) and (t) be considered separately.

- 10. s) Intergovernmental Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and the City of Tucson for Wide-Area Network Connectivity Across the City of Tucson Institutional Network (I-Net), effective upon execution through June 30, 2012

Adelita Grijalva moved approval of Consent Agenda Item No. 10(s); Miguel Cuevas seconded.

Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented briefly. Bruce Burke called for the question. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

Following brief discussion, Bruce Burke called for the question; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Motion to call for question failed 2-2. Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns voted no. Miguel Cuevas abstained.

The call for question failed and discussion continued. During the continuing discussion, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Judy Burns commented.

Ms. Grijalva's original motion was approved 3-2. Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns voted no.

- t) Increase limits for Apple Computer, Inc. purchases on State Contract for FY 2010

Judy Burns moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

In response to an inquiry from Judy Burns, John Carroll provided additional information.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>11. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Director of High Schools</p> <p>Liz Fagen recommended Patricia Dienz. Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman commented.</p>                                      | <p>Bruce Burke moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.</p>      |
| <p>12. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Legal Counsel</p> <p>Liz Fagen recommended Michael Areinoff. Miguel Cuevas commented.</p>   | <p>Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.</p>      |
| <p>13. 2009-2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Blue Collar Employees with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Pending Ratification by AFSCME Membership</p> <p>Liz Fagen recommended approval.</p> | <p>Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> |
| <p>14. Elementary Mathematics Adoption</p> <p>Maggie Shafer and Phyllis Burks presented information on the adoption process and timeline for the math adoption. Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns commented.</p>                                   | <p>Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> |

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>15. Memorandum of Agreement between Tucson Education Association (TEA) and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) Regarding the Reduction in Force (RIF) Process</p> <p>Liz Fagen recommended approval. Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman commented. Liz Fagen and Nancy Woll responded to board members' comments and questions. Rob Ross provided legal advice.</p> | <p>Bruce Burke moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.</p> |
|--|---|



**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

16. Report from the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code BDFA – *Stakeholder Input and Advisory Committees* (revision)

Studied only.  
No action taken.

In his role as Chair of the Subcommittee on Policies, Miguel Cuevas introduced the policies. Judy Burns suggested that discussion include all three policies, i.e., Items No. 16, 17 and 18. Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Rob Ross, Miguel Cuevas, and Mark Stegeman commented and/or asked questions.

17. Report from the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code CFC – *School Council*

Studied only.  
No action taken.

18. Report from the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code GCAB – *Filling of Vacancies* (revision)

Studied only.  
No action taken.

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – [www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org)

**STUDY ITEMS**

19. Westside Transportation Facility Site Selection Committee Recommendation Update

Studied only.  
No action taken.

John Carroll provided information related to the process for securing a westside transportation facility site, the sites under consideration, the criteria used and when a recommendation will be brought to the Board.

20. Overview of Bonds and Overrides for November of 2010

Studied only.  
No action taken.

Liz Fagen provided introductory information, followed by a presentation by Bonnie Betz. Both Dr. Fagen and Ms. Betz responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, and Mark Stegeman.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Judy Burns outlined items for the future that have been mentioned during the meeting, i.e., override/bond election considerations, one-year return of African American Studies report, Traditional Pipeline presentation for the March meeting, and further discussion about school audio visual departments being involved if meetings are televised. Miguel Cuevas suggested that the Agenda Committee consider bringing annual reports from the other ethnic studies departments.

**REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED** – 10:25 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ 9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ March \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By \_\_\_\_\_

Miguel Cuevas, Clerk  
Governing Board

ba  
Minutes\2-9-10Regular