

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

**February 10, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Also Present:

Elizabeth Celandia-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Dea Salter, Chief Academic Officer – Team 1
Maggie Shafer, Chief Academic Officer – Team 2
Albert Siqueiros, Chief Academic Officer – Team 3
James Fish, Chief Academic Officer – Team 4
Steve Holmes, Chief Academic Officer – Team 5
Ross Sheard, Chief Academic Officer – Team 6
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Alyson Nielson, Director, Employment Services, Human Resources
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communications and Media Relations
Bonnie Betz, Director, Financial Services
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Brian MacMaster, Director, Technology
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Jay Johnston, Director, Risk Management
Chandra Givens, Chief Negotiator, Employee Relations
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, 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
Cheryl Bowman, School Community Partnership Council (SCPC)
Mary Bustamante, Tucson Citizen
TV Channel 9

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

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Farnaz Nasr 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 summarized the SSAC meeting held on February 9, 2009, which included reports from several high schools.

Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns commented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Liz Fagen reported that a middle school fair held at Catalina Magnet High School was well attended and generated a lot of interest in TUSD and in the concept of *First Choice* schools. She also introduced TUSD's new Assistant Director of Financial Services, Gillian Wettstein.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Bruce Burke commented on his attendance at the recent National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network meeting in Washington, D.C.

Miguel Cuevas reported that he went to Phoenix and met with State Senators. He also commented on visits to several TUSD school sites.

Adelita Grijalva mentioned her participation as an interviewer in a job readiness course at Catalina Magnet High School and her plans to read to students at several schools.

Judy Burns commented on her visits to TUSD school sites.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

David Rubenstein – The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's willingness to provide an avenue for open dialogue about HIV/AIDS prevention;

Kathy Campbell – Support of OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts) in all TUSD schools;

Nina Kelly – Support for single school principal at Bloom rather than sharing the principal with another school.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Cheryl Bowman commented briefly and reminded everyone that the joint SCPC area meeting will be held on February 23, 2009, at Tucson High Magnet School.

3. Presentation on FY 2009 Budget Status and Update on FY 2010 Budget Development

Information only.
No action required.

In response to a brief presentation by Bonnie Betz, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, and Bruce Burke commented. Liz Fagen provided additional information.

4. Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Funds for the Seven Months Ending January 31, 2009

Information only.
No action required.

Bonnie Betz commented briefly. There were no further comments or questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. a) Salaried new hires
c) New hires for Food Services Department
e) Hourly changes
f) Salary changes for Food Services Department
g) Teachers hired through teacher pool process
h) Salaried separations
i) Hourly separations
j) Separations for Food Services Department
k) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel
l) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
m) Opening Minds through the Arts Foundation (OMAF) License to Use Registered Service Mark renewal through April 8, 2013
n) Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona (Department of Teaching and Teacher Education), and Tucson Unified School District No. 1 of Pima County (Sylvia Olivas)

Bruce Burke moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 5 (a), (c), and (e-ab); Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5. o) Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona (Department of Teaching and Teacher Education) and Tucson Unified School District No. 1 of Pima County (Katrina C. Smits)
- p) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Child Parent Centers, Inc., (Head Start) and Tucson Unified School District for 2008-2009, with authorization for the Executive Director of Exceptional Education to execute the MOU
- q) Catalina Magnet High School – Parking lot renovations contingency increase in the amount of \$27,965 to the Contractor, Tucson Asphalt
- r) Award of Bid No. 09-116-09 – Sabino High School – Fine Arts renovation (bond), awarded to D.L. Withers Construction, L.L.C., in the amount of \$1,636,800.00, which includes Base Bid, Add Alternate No. 1 and a 10% contingency
- s) Award of Bid No. 09-121-09 – Gridley Middle School – Upgrades and renovations (bond), awarded to Division II Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$707,959.00 which includes the Base Bid, Alternate Bid Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and a 10% contingency
- t) Award of Bid No. 09-122-09 – Grijalva, Maldonado, and Miller Elementary Schools – Classroom expansion buildings (bond), awarded to 4L Construction in the amount of \$2,435,840.00 which includes the Base Bid 5, Alternate Bid No. 1 and 2 and a 10% contingency
- u) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 09-110-14 – Financial and Compliance Audit Services, awarded to Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. in the amount of \$72,000.00, in a multi-term contract not to exceed five consecutive fiscal years, beginning in FY 2009 and ending on February 14, 2014

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5. v) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 09-113-14 – Exceptional Education Testing Materials, awarded to Academic Communication Associates, Inc.; Academic Therapy Publications/High Noon Books; LinguiSystems, Inc.; Multi Health Systems, Inc.; Psychological Assessment Resources, Inc. (PAR); Pro-Ed, Inc.; Sopris West Educational Services; and Western Psychological Services in a multi-term, five-year contract with renewal options through December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$110,000.00 per year
- w) Plans and specifications for Fort Lowell Elementary School – Upgrades and renovations, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- x) Plans and specifications for Howell Elementary School – Upgrades and renovations, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- y) Plans and specifications for Rincon/University High School – Training room and locker room renovations, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- z) Plans and specifications for Santa Rita High School – Science upgrades and renovations, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- aa) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Special Board Meeting, June 24, 2008
 - 2) Regular Board Meeting, July 8, 2009
- ab) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning January 1, 2009, and ending January 31, 2009

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately:
Mark Stegeman 5(b) and Judy Burns 5(d)

- 5. b) Hourly new hires

In response to questions and comments from Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke, Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva, Sue Wybraniec and Liz Fagen provided additional information.

Bruce Burke moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. d) Salaried changes

During a lengthy discussion, Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke, and Miguel Cuevas commented. Liz Fagen and Sue Wybraniec provided additional information in response to their comments.

Judy Burns moved approval with the exception of the Resource Services Manager; Mark Stegeman seconded.

Bruce Burke moved to amend Ms. Burns' motion to include all names on 5 (d); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Amended motion failed 2-3; Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns voted no.

In a roll call vote, the original motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Appointment of members (2) to the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Audit Committee

Mark Stegeman commented.

Adelita Grijalva moved to appoint Mary Matiella; Bruce Burke seconded.

Miguel Cuevas presented a friendly amendment that Ms. Matiella serve a 4-year term. The maker and second of the motion agreed. Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

6. Appointment of members (2) to the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Audit Committee (cont.)

Miguel Cuevas moved to appoint Robert O'Toole to a 4-year term; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1; Bruce Burke voted no.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

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

7. Conversion of Governing Board Policy No. 9100 to ASBA Format – Recoded to Policy Code BBAA

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

Liz Fagen recommended approval. Adelita Grijalva commented.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

8. *No Child Left Behind Act*. Arizona School Improvement Plans for Warning Year (Corbett, Dietz, Lynn-Urquides, Miller, Roskrue, Warren and Wright Elementary Schools); First Year (Myers-Ganoung Elementary School); Second Year (Robison Elementary School; Hohokam, Maxwell, Naylor, Safford Magnet and Valencia Middle Schools); and Corrective Action (Cavett Elementary School and Wakefield Middle School)

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Liz Fagen recommended approval and commented briefly followed by a presentation by Steve Holmes. Dr. Fagen responded to a question from Adelita Grijalva.

9. *AZ Learns*: Arizona School Improvement Plans for Underperforming (Banks, Corbett, Drachman, Fort Lowell, Grijalva, Lynn-Urquides, Maldonado, Menlo Park, Miller, Robison, Roskrue, Warren, and Wright Elementary Schools; Maxwell, Roskrue Magnet, Safford, Utterback, Valencia and Wakefield Middle Schools); and Failing Schools (Hohokam and Naylor Middle Schools)

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

Liz Fagen commented briefly. Steve Holmes presented information in response to a comment from Judy Burns.

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10. Creation of a Board Subcommittee to Review Governing Board Policies

Liz Fagen recommended approval and outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented.

Mark Stegeman moved the appointment of Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

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11. Review Governing Board Policy Code No. BBAA – *Board Member Authority and Responsibilities*

Bruce Burke, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas extensively discussed the policy and its ramifications. In her motion, Judy Burns recommended that under Section F, the policy referred to as number “3000” should be corrected to a letter format.

Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

12. Review Governing Board Policy Code No. BEDBA – *Board Meeting Agenda Preparation*

Miguel Cuevas commented on his addendum/proposal for changes to the policy and moved approval to include those changes.

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded.

In a lengthy discussion, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Miguel Cuevas and Judy Burns stated their respective rationale for support or lack of support for the recommended changes. Following these comments, Bruce Burke presented an amendment to the motion and moved to refer the item to the newly-approved Board Policy Subcommittee.


Bruce Burke moved to refer item to policy subcommittee; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Motion failed 2-3; Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns voted no.

The main motion was then approved 3-2; Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva voted no.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:34 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 

Mark Stegeman, Clerk
Governing Board

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