

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

**March 9, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Judy Burns, President
Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member
Gabriel Garcia, 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
Nancy Woll, Chief Human Resources Officer
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools
James Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools
Lupita Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, MIS and Planning
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council
Mary Canty, Video Producer, Government Programs and Community Outreach – Digital Media
Jon Ben-Asher, Principal, Henry and Wrightstown Elementary Schools
Christy Canovas, School Council Facilitator, Henry Elementary School
James Clark, School Council Facilitator, Wrightstown Elementary School
Richard Romero, Principal, Bonillas Basic Curriculum Magnet School
Rex Scott, Principal, Catalina Magnet High School
Cathy Comstock, Principal, Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School
Kevin Crandall, Traditional Studies Program Stakeholder
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I 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
Lourdes Serna, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star
TV Channel 13

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:38 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Gabriel Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.
No action required.

Gabriel Garcia provided an overview of the March 8th meeting: SSAC students participated in *Love of Reading* by reading to K-2 students; Patricia Dienz, the new Director of High Schools, introduced herself and outlined the duties of her new position; Dr. Fagen discussed budget issues and provided opportunity for students to ask questions; as host school, Catalina shared their campus and provided SSAC students the opportunity to experience the FEAST program; and individual high school representatives presented their reports.

Liz Fagen, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, and Adelita Grijalva commented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Liz Fagen commented briefly about her *State of the District* presentation and how it can be viewed on YouTube.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas reported that he attended a JTED meeting and participated in *Love of Reading* at several TUSD schools.

Adelita Grijalva commented on attending the following: a meeting hosted by Congressman Grijalva related to "No Child Left Behind," a Rodel presentation honoring TUSD employees, and the JTED meeting.

Mark Stegeman commented briefly about a meeting he and Adelita Grijalva attended.

Bruce Burke mentioned meeting with a JTED board member.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

Peter Blankfield – Concerns about administrative leadership;

George Puckett – Putting TUSD children first;

Katie Gorenflo – The value of the Girl Scout program to students;

Mark Levkowitz – Importance of Fine Arts programs;

Dennis Bourret – Support for arts in the schools;

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Luci Messing – TEA efforts in support of school funding;
Phil Brenfleck – Site-based decision-making;
Sandy Mozingo – Support for principal at White Elementary School;
Daniel Samorano – Support for principal at White Elementary School;
Ernesto Garcia – Support for principal at White Elementary School;
Kathleen Arterberry – Transportation issue at Carson Middle School;
Mark Joyner – Support for principal at Rincon High School;
John Erwin – Support for principal at Rincon High School;
Stacie Reeves – Site for Westside Transportation Facility;
Gloria Altamirano – Support for principal at White Elementary School;
Nancy DeFeo – Support for principal at White Elementary School;
Jansen Azarias – Support for principal at White Elementary School;
Nancy Finkelstein – Support for principal at Rincon High School.

Miguel Cuevas, Bruce Burke and Judy Burns commented.

Judy Burns paused the meeting briefly to give time for a group of people to leave.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

2. Wrightstown-Henry Merger at Henry

Liz Fagen, Jon Ben-Asher, James Clark and Christy Canovas presented information and responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas. Maggie Shafer and Bonnie Betz also commented during the discussion.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

3. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Lourdes Serna reported on the February Joint Council meeting and outlined area meetings and respective speakers to be held on March 15, 2010. She announced that the SCPC will sponsor a joint meeting on April 26, 2010.

Information only.
No action required.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

4. Report by Board Clerk Miguel Cuevas on Attendance at the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Annual Conference and Participation as the TUSD Representative to the Delegate Assembly, December 2009
- Information only.
No action required.

Miguel Cuevas used a PowerPoint presentation to report highlights of the ASBA Conference. Bruce Burke, Mark Stegeman, and Judy Burns commented.

5. Early Childhood Program Exploration with Community Partners – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva
- Information only.
No action required.

Following introductory comments by Liz Fagen, Maggie Shafer presented information on early childhood education, e.g., classrooms currently in place, those for which funding will no longer be available, and the feasibility of expanding preschool services. Dr. Fagen and Ms. Shafer responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman.

6. Presentation by a Traditional Studies Program Stakeholder – Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman
- Information only.
No action required.

Kevin Crandall, Richard Romero, Rex Scott and Cathy Comstock presented information on the coordination of traditional programs at Bonillas, Catalina and Dodge, respectively. Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke, Maggie Shafer and Liz Fagen also participated in the discussion.

7. 301 Committee Update
- Information only.
No action required.

Liz Fagen, Marco Quijada, Luci Messing and Maggie Shafer presented an overview of the committee, the tasks completed to date and the work still ahead. Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke and Miguel Cuevas commented.

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

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

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

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| 9. | Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Funds for the Eight Months Ending February 28, 2010 | Information only.
No action required. |
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Liz Fagen commented briefly.

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) Student Absence Approval for 2009-2010 School Year
m) United States Postal Service postage expenditure for 2009-2010 School Year
n) Amendment to International Baccalaureate Programme Application
o) Cost Reimbursable Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind to partner with the Regional Science Center for use of its resources, March 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012
p) Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of South Tucson and Tucson Unified School District for a Playground Improvement Project at Mission View and Ochoa Elementary Schools, effective on the date recorded and ending no sooner than December 31, 2011
q) Extended Lease Agreement (to March 31, 2013) between Arizona Territorial Lands LLC and Tucson Unified School District for parking at Carrillo Elementary School, with authorization for the MIS and Planning Program Manager to execute the Agreement | Mark Stegeman moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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CONSENT AGENDA (continued) **ITEM**

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10. r) No-Cost Lease Agreement with the West Main Gate Square, LLC, for Art Studio Space to support the Tucson Unified School District Community Transition Program, with authorization for the MIS and Planning Program Manager to execute the Agreement (3-year lease)
- s) Award of Food Services Bid No. 10DG – Dry Goods, for the period March 10, 2010 through March 9, 2011, awarded to Epicurean Foods; Dawn Food Products; Malone Meat & Poultry; Shamrock Foods; Palmer & Associates, Inc.; Merit Foods of Arizona; Farmer Brothers; and Good Source/Tools for Schools in the amount of \$535,328.00
- t) Increase purchase limits on Food Services Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 09WI – Walk-In Refrigerator and Walk-In Freezer Equipment and Installation, effective June 6, 2009 through June 5, 2010
- u) Award of IFB No. 11-03-15 – Educational Aids and Materials beginning July 1, 2010 with renewal options through June 30, 2015, awarded to Ace Educational; American Teaching Supply; Blossom; Classroom Products Warehouse; Constructive Playthings; Demco, Inc.; EAI Education; Educator's Outlet; ETA Cuisenaire; Gardner's Book Service; Highsmith; Lakeshore Learning Materials; Nasco-Modesto; Oriental Trading Company; S&S Worldwide; School Specialty; School Xing; and Teacher Parent Connections, in the amount of \$350,000.00
- v) Award of Construction Contract for Tucson High Magnet School Central Plant Upgrades to Pueblo Mechanical and Controls, Inc., a Mohave Contractor, in the amount of \$450,000.00 (bond)
- w) Plans and specifications for Carson Middle School domestic water line, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- x) Plans and specifications for Van Buskirk Elementary School upgrades and renovations, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- y) Plans and specifications for kitchen hood renovations at nine high schools (Catalina, Cholla, Pueblo, Palo Verde, and Tucson Magnet High Schools; Rincon, Santa Rita, Sabino and Sahuaro High Schools), with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 10. z) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1. Special Board Meeting, February 9, 2010
 - 2. Regular Board Meeting, February 9, 2010
 - 3. Special Board Meeting (with BFOC), February 18, 2010
- aa) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning February 1, 2010, and ending February 28, 2010
- ab) Withdrawal of Statement of Charges against certificated teacher – Michael Corkery
- ac) Withdrawal of Statement of Charges against certificated teacher – Michael Craig
- ad) Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence for classified Food Services personnel for the 2009-2010 School Year – Marcia Little
- ae) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Pima Community College (PCC) and the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for services of an Interim Chief Technology Officer (Arthur Lieble), effective March 11, 2010 through September 11, 2010, with authorization for Superintendent to execute the Agreement

Liz Fagen recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

- 11. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Director of Elementary Schools

Liz Fagen recommended Kendra Johnson.

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Memorandum of Agreement between Educational Leaders, Inc. (ELI) and Tucson Unified School District Regarding a Separation Incentive
- Liz Fagen recommended approval.
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

13. Westside Transportation Facility Site Selection Committee Recommendations
- Discussion only. No action taken.

Liz Fagen commented briefly followed by John Carroll who presented the Committee's recommendations in rank order. Dr. Carroll and Bryant Nodine responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke and Judy Burns. Following a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Board was to proceed with Choice No. 2 (Site No. 2) as priority, followed by Choice No. 4 (Site No. 1).

14. Report from the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code BDFA – *Stakeholder Input and Advisory Committees* (revision)
- Miguel Cuevas and Rob Ross commented briefly.
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

15. Report from the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code CFC – *School Council* (revision)
- Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, Rob Ross, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, and Liz Fagen participated in the discussion surrounding revisions to this policy.
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1; Mark Stegeman voted no.

16. Report from the Subcommittee on Policies – Policy Code GCAB – *Filling of Vacancies* (revision)
- Miguel Cuevas commented briefly.
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Judy Burns made introductory comments.

Adelita Grijlava requested follow-up information on the GATE Program, advanced placement classes and the registration process. She stated that this does not necessarily need to be an agenda item. Liz Fagen commented briefly.

Miguel Cuevas requested an item that would look further at potential options for the Choice No. 1 (Site No. 3) land that is near Hohokam Middle School (reference Agenda Item No. 13).

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:48 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of April, 2010.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By

Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Governing Board

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