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

March 27, 2012  
7:00 p.m.  

MINUTES  

Present:  
Mark Stegeman, President  
Michael Hicks, Clerk  
Miguel Cuevas, Member  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member  
Alexandre Sugiyama, Member  

Also Present:  
John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer  
Pamela Palmo, Acting Chief Human Resources Officer  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer  
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer  
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary School Leadership  
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, High School Leadership  
Lupita Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach  
Cara Rene, Director, Communications and Media Relations  
Frank Armenta, Principal, Cholla Magnet High School  
Cathy Comstock, Principal, Rincon High School  
Clarice Clash, Director, High School Leadership  
Holly Colonna, Director, Guidance, Counseling/Student Prevention Programs  
Kathryn Chavez, Literacy Specialist  
Carol Cimino, DIBELS Project Specialist  
Carmen Hernandez, Learning Support Coordinator, University High School  
Karen Ward, Guidance, Counseling/Student Prevention Programs  
Tanisha Tatum, Learning Support Coordinator, Davidson Elementary School  
Jim Burns, Business Office Coordinator, Operations  
Sam and Linda Polito, Lobbyists  
Jeffrey Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board  
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star  
TV Channels 11/13 and CNN  

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 7:01 p.m.
ITEM

ACTION ITEMS

1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –

   A. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instructs 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) School sites update on agreements

      Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

   B. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body to consider its position and instruct its representatives pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(5)
      1) Negotiations with employee organizations

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 7:02 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 8:22 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge was recited by those present.

No action required.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Update on Legislation Impacting TUSD –
   Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva

   John Pedicone introduced education lobbyists Sam and Linda Polito. They reported on the progress on the educational budget; relationships with members of the state legislature and the Arizona Department of Education; and bills in progress, both those that are helpful to TUSD and those that would have a negative impact. Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas, and Mark Stegeman commented.
### ACTION ITEMS

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<td>3. Approval of Mathematics Common Core Curriculum Grades K-8</td>
<td>Michael Hicks moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.</td>
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<td>Maria Menconi and Kathryn Chavez presented information and responded to comments and questions from Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, and Alex Sugiyama.</td>
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<td>4. Approval of English Language Arts Common Core Curriculum Grades K-12</td>
<td>Michael Hicks moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously.</td>
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<td>John Pedicone recommended approval and expressed appreciation to staff who worked on this curriculum. Maria Menconi and Carol Cimino responded to a question from Alex Sugiyama.</td>
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<td>5. Adoption of Supplementary Materials for High School and K-8 English Language Development</td>
<td>Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.</td>
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<td>Maria Menconi provided a brief explanation of this item and responded to a question from Adelita Grijalva.</td>
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<td>6. Board Member Report on Technology Oversight Committee</td>
<td>Information only.</td>
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<td>Mark Stegeman provided a brief report.</td>
<td>No action required.</td>
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<td>7. Summary of Accreditation</td>
<td>Information only.</td>
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<td>TUSD Staff Abel Morado, John Pedicone, Yousef Awwad, Frank Armenta, John Gay, Cathy Comstock, and Clarice Clash provided information and participated in a discussion of accreditation findings with Mark Stegeman, Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas, Alex Sugiyama and Adelita Grijalva.</td>
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<td>Consideration of extending the meeting beyond the 10:00 p.m. curfew in accordance with Governing Board Policy BDAA – Procedures for Governing Board Members</td>
<td>Alex Sugiyama moved to extend the meeting through the end of the agenda; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.</td>
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### INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

8. Moving Toward a Comprehensive System of Student Learning Supports

     During the discussion of job responsibilities and impact of TUSD Learning Supports Coordinators, Lupita Garcia, Holly Colonna, Carmen Hernandez, Mark Stegeman, John Pedicone, Alex Sugiyama, Karen Ward, Tanisha Tatum, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, Maggie Shafer, and Miguel Cuevas commented and/or asked questions.

     Information only.

     No action required.

### STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

9. Governing Board Policy Code BEDBA – Board Meeting Agenda Preparation (revision to include a title change) – Requested by Board President Mark Stegeman

     Mark Stegeman introduced this item and participated in discussion about revisions to the policy with Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, and Martha Durkin.

     Michael Hicks moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved 3-2. Miguel Cuevas and Adelita Grijalva voted no.

10. Add Call to the Audience to Special Board Meetings – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva

     Adelita Grijalva presented her rationale for requesting the addition of a Call to the Audience to Special meetings that contain items for Board action. Also participating in the discussion were Michael Hicks, Martha Durkin, Miguel Cuevas, John Pedicone, Alex Sugiyama and Mark Stegeman.

     Studied only.

     No action taken.

11. Bus Lease Purchase

     John Pedicone recommended approval. During a brief discussion, Alex Sugiyama, Candy Egbert, Jim Burns, and Michael Hicks commented.

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


     a) Governing Board Policy Code CH – Policy Implementation (new)

     Miguel Cuevas introduced this policy.

     Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.
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<td><strong>b) Governing Board Policy Code EEAE – <em>Bus Safety Program</em> (new)</strong></td>
<td>Miguel Cuevas provided an overview of this policy. Michael Hicks commented.</td>
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<td><strong>c) Governing Board Policy Code EEAF – <em>Special Use of Buses</em> (new)</strong></td>
<td>Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.</td>
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<td><strong>d) Governing Board Policy Code GE – <em>Defense and Indemnification of Employees in Litigation</em> (new)</strong></td>
<td>Miguel Cuevas outlined the purpose of this proposed new policy. Michael Hicks, Martha Durkin and Mark Stegeman commented.</td>
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<td><strong>e) Governing Board Policy Code IKA – <em>Grading/Assessment Systems</em> (new)</strong></td>
<td>Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.</td>
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<td><strong>f) Governing Board Policy Code JR – <em>Student Records</em> (new)</strong></td>
<td>Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.</td>
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<td><strong>g) Governing Board Policy Code GBI – <em>Staff Participation in Political Activities</em> (revision)</strong></td>
<td>Alex Sugiyama moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Motion failed 2-3. Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted no.</td>
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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies (cont.)
   h) Governing Board Policy Code EGADA – *Electronic Copyright Compliance (eliminate)*

Miguel Cuevas provided the rationale for eliminating this policy.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 11:25 p.m.

Approved this _____11th____ day of _____September____, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By ________________________
Michael Hicks, Clerk
Governing Board