

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1
Governing Board Special Meeting
Multipurpose Room
Wrightstown Elementary School
8950 E. Wrightstown road
Tucson, Arizona**

**April 9, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Judy Burns, President
Miguel Cuevas, Clerk [via telephone]
Adelita Grijalva, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member

Not Present:

Bruce Burke, Member

Also Present :

Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools & Acting Superintendent
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Marcus Jones, Program Manager, Bonds & Architecture
Jonathan Ben-Asher, Principal, Wrightstown and Henry Elementary Schools
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, MIS and Planning
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
TV Channel 13

ITEM

ACTION

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:12 p.m.

Judy Burns announced that Bruce Burke had to go out of town unexpectedly and would not be at the hearing.
Miguel Cuevas is attending a conference in Chicago but will participate telephonically.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Introductory Comments

No action was required or taken at this meeting.

Principal Jonathan Ben-Asher welcomed everyone to the hearing and outlined the process that has taken place thus far resulting in the Site Council's recommendation to merge with Henry Elementary School.

2. Public Hearing/Meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341(A)(36)
Reasons for or against closing Wrightstown Elementary School and related attendance boundary changes that could result from the closure.

Judy Burns commented briefly about procedures to be followed in the conduct of the hearing.

Speakers during the Public Hearing will abide by the rules governing Call to the Audience at Board Meetings as follows:

Public Participation at Board Meetings**

Members of the public may speak during the Call to the Audience portion of the agenda. The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing speakers and for maintaining proper order by setting such limitations as may be appropriate.

Any person desiring to speak shall complete the Call to the Audience card. When addressing the Board, an individual shall state his/her full name and address before going into the subject matter.

Individuals are encouraged to be brief, with a maximum time limit of 3 minutes.

Individuals attending the meeting and/or speaking before the Board shall observe rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct, and refrain from impertinent or slanderous remarks.

These rules also apply to Public Hearings.

**REF: Governing Board Policy Code No. BDAA – *Procedures for Governing Board Members*

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

2. Public Hearing/Meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341(A)(36) (cont.)

No action was required or taken at this meeting.

The following persons spoke during the Public Hearing:
William Peck – Expressed appreciation for allowing the school community to make the decision; made suggestion for use of the property.

Tim Scott – Expressed concerns about what will happen to the property.

Tony Urias – Commented that many church groups in the area are interested in the facility.

Lynn Urias – Commented on historic value of this facility to the Tucson community.

Arlene Doran – Addressed some parent concerns about getting their children to school safely.

Dina Rosengarten – Expressed concern about what will happen to the property.

Laura Noble – Concerned about what will happen to the school facility.

Edward Stanton – Disposition and security of the Wrightstown property.

Joan Cummings – Requested that the Board keep the Wrightstown property as residential.

Amy Rod – Volunteered to be on the committee to determine the use of the property.

While waiting for additional speaker requests, Judy Burns commented briefly. Maggie Shafer provided an overview of how the facility would be closed and the property maintained until a decision is made about final disposition of the site.

In addition, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, and Bryant Nodine made brief comments.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

2. Public Hearing/Meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341(A)(36) (cont.)

No action was required or taken at this meeting.

Andy Harckrode – Commented about a letter from Carol West outlining concerns about leaving the building vacant.

Following the last speaker, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented.

PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 6:55 p.m.

Approved this _____ 11th day of _____ May _____, 2010.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____

Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Governing Board