

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1
Governing Board Special Meeting
Carson Middle School Cafeteria
7777 E. Stella Road
Tucson, Arizona 85730**

**April 18, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Mark Stegeman, President
Judy Burns, Clerk [via telephone at 6:32 p.m.]
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Michael Hicks, Member

Absent:

Miguel Cuevas, Member

Also Present :

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Candy Egbert, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel
Jim Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle School Leadership
Donna Lewis, Director, Middle School Leadership
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Operations – Planning Services
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 Channels 4, 9, 11 and 13

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SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Mark Stegeman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Introductory Comments – Mark Stegeman, President, Governing Board

Information item.
No action required.

Mark Stegeman announced that Judy Burns would be participating via telephone and that there were Spanish and Arabic interpreters available if needed.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

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| 2. | Presentation of Options to Serve Students in the Carson Middle School Area in the Event that the School Is Closed | Information item.
No action required. |
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Bryant Nodine provided a brief overview of options should Carson Middle School be closed.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 6:30 p.m.

3. Public Hearing/Meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341(A)(33) Reasons for or against closing Carson Middle School and related attendance boundary changes that could result from the closure

Mark Stegeman 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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3. Public Hearing/Meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341(A)(33) (continued)

The following persons spoke during the Public Hearing:

Branden Roth – Save Carson Middle School;
Kimberly Deon – Keep Carson Middle School open;
Jeff Myers – Support for Carson Middle School;
Jeffrey Clark – Relationship between Soleng Tom Elementary and the closure of Carson;
Robert Sogon – Concern about Carson students merging with other schools;
Lorenzo Hernandez – Against redistricting of Soleng Tom;
Joe Kamell – Realigning boundaries;
Bobbie Snyder – Concern about Special Education students' perception of closing Carson;
Bob Castaneda – Support for Carson Middle School;
Chris Root – Academic options if Carson remains open;
Christine Biberdorf – Support for Carson Middle School;
Estella Levy – Additional costs for TUSD and impact on resident property values should Carson close;
Shea Clark – Support for Carson to remain open;
Paul Mackey – Community needs additional financial information and rationale for closure of Carson;
Allison Biberdorf – Support for keeping Carson open;
Michael Bullock – Support for keeping Carson open;
Alexandra Nieland – Support for Carson Middle School;
Maranda Brabazon – Analyze further rather than close Carson;
Denise Burdon – Keep Carson open;
Jensine Bullock – Keep Carson open;
Joseph Bullock – Carson Middle School;
Monica Padron – Keep Carson open;
Justin Deon – Keep Carson open;
Rosie Pedraza – Keep Carson open.

Judy Burns apologized for having to be on the phone due to a previously planned trip.

PUBLIC HEARING RECESSED – 7:26 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING RECONVENED – 7:38 p.m.

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3. Public Hearing/Meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341(A)(33) (continued)

The following persons spoke during the Public Hearing:

Jeff Myers (spoke 2nd time) – Issues in support of keeping Carson open;
Marsha Gerlach – Support for keeping Carson open;
Robert Sogon (spoke 2nd time) – No benefit to closing a performing plus school;
John LeVasseur – Safety of students bused to areas farther away;
Delaney Schnell – Reasons to support keeping Carson open;
Hilary Garin – Think about students first rather than money;
Lora Galioto – Support for keeping Carson open;
Shirley Scott – Strong sense of community and devotion to the school; use of marketing tools to attract students to the school;
Estella Levy (spoke 2nd time) – Consider the use of ads to increase enrollment at Carson and consider selling some facilities/properties that are underutilized;
Ken Summers – Support for keeping Carson open.

Following the last speaker, Mark Stegeman reiterated that there would be no extensive deliberations or decision on the closure of Carson at this meeting. He opened the meeting for staff and board members to comment.

John Pedicone and Bryant Nodine made additional comments about the process for bringing recommendations for closure and the disposition of properties already closed.

Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks commented on issues related to the possible closure and expressed appreciation to those who came to the Public Hearing and to those who spoke.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING AND ADJOURN –
8:23 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of December, 2011.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____
Miguel Cuevas, President
Governing Board

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