

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

**May 5, 2009
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Judy Burns, President
Mark Stegeman, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Miguel Cuevas, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member

Also Present :

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Jay Johnston, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Ross Sheard, Chief Academic Officer, Team 6
John Gordon, Director of Leadership Development, Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA)
Chris Thomas, Legal Counsel, Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA)
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

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 5:43 p.m.

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DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Senior Leadership Workshop Facilitated by Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA)

Following brief introductory comments by Judy Burns, John Gordon mentioned that the purpose of the workshop is to provide a positive working relationship within the

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DISCUSSION ITEM (continued)

1. Senior Leadership Workshop Facilitated by Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) (cont.)

leadership team and promote effective meetings. Chris Thomas provided information on Arizona Open Meeting Law and provided advice on other legal issues. The discussion also included how to handle concerns from the community and from employees as well as communication among board members.

Those commenting during this portion of the discussion were Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Miguel Cuevas, Liz Fagen, Rob Ross and a Boy Scout who was a member of the audience.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 7:20 p.m.

Meeting break.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED– 7:39 p.m.

1. Senior Leadership Workshop Facilitated by Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) (discussion continued)

This portion of the discussion included the role of the Board in setting the direction of the district. Comments were also made in support of Dr. Fagen's leadership in bringing change and in keeping communication lines open. Further dialogue included board meeting processes and procedures, communication with the media, parameters of the Open Meeting Law, timing and approach for the evaluation of the Superintendent, and issues within the overall discussion that board members found especially helpful.

John Gordon, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, Mary Alice Wallace, Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, Liz Fagen, Rob Ross and Chris Thomas participated in the discussion.

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SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 9:13 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED– 9:14 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

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

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


- A. Personnel issues pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(1); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
 - 1) Discussion of discipline of certified administrator

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 9:15 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED AND ADJOURNED
– 10:08 p.m.

Approved this _____ 8th day of _____ September, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By  _____
Mark Stegeman, Clerk
Governing Board

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