

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

**May 11, 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:

Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools & Acting Superintendent
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer
John Carroll, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Michael Areinoff, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Chief Human Resources Officer
James Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools
Lupita Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Augustine Romero, Director, Student Equity
Shannon Roberts, Director, Employee Relations
Sean Arce, Director, Mexican-American Studies Department
Patricia Dienz, Director of High Schools
Amber Fernandez, Assistant Director of Finance
Bryant Nodine, GIS and Planning Program Manager
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent Student Advisory Council
Panfilo Contreras, Executive Director, Arizona School Boards Association
Bob Casillas, Managing Director, Stone & Youngberg
Bryan Lundberg, Director, Stone & Youngberg
Steve Gall, TUSD Parent
Cassandra Lawrence, Dunham Student and Mrs. Lewis, Teacher
Clifford Altfeld, Co-Chair, TUSD Audit Committee
Sandra Parker, Co-Chair, TUSD Audit Committee
Earl Mendenhall, TUSD Educational Facility Plan Task Force
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association
Marivel Roybal, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
Lourdes Serna, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star
TV Channel 4, 13

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:56 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

STUDY/ACTION ITEM

1. Process and Timeline for Superintendent Search – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva

Mark Stegeman moved to form a sub-committee of Mr. Burke and Ms. Burns to formulate a process for a Superintendent search.

Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns commented briefly, followed by a presentation by Panfilo Contreras. Mr. Contreras' presentation included comments related to the importance of the Board's decision in selecting a superintendent, the options of short term vs long term interim superintendent, internal vs external search, and the timeline for permanent selection. In addition to Ms. Grijalva and Ms. Burns, others commenting during the discussion were Miguel Cuevas, Bruce Burke, and Mark Stegeman.

Following further discussion, the motion was changed to Mr. Burke and Ms. Grijalva; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.
No action required.

Gabriel Garcia reported on the last SSAC meeting of the 2009-2010 school year. Some of the topics discussed were reorganization of SSAC committees and the organization as a whole, leadership qualities desired in a superintendent and SSAC leadership for next school year. Miguel Cuevas and Judy Burns commented.

3. Presentation and Discussion on the Possible Capital Bond Instruments Related to the Final Bond Authorization from the 2004 Bond Election

Information only.
No action required.

Followed by brief comments from Bonnie Betz, Bob Casillas presented information and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, and Bruce Burke.

Item No. 19 was addressed at this time (out of order).

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STUDY ITEMS

19. Presentation on School Recess Policy – Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman

Study only.
No action taken.

Following introductory comments by Mark Stegeman, Steve Gall presented information in support of a school recess policy. Comments were also made by Cassandra Lawrence, Judy Burns, Maggie Shafer, and Mrs. Lewis (Cassandra's teacher).

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

4. Presentation on FY 2010 Budget Status and Update on FY 2011 Budget Development

Information only.
No action required.

Bonnie Betz presented information via PowerPoint and responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns. Maggie Shafer also commented.

5. Semi-Annual Report of the Governing Board Audit Committee

Information only.
No action required.

Cliff Altfeld reported on Audit Committee meetings and activities for the last several months. Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Maggie Shafer provided a brief report on end-of-the-year student recognition events.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

Marivel Roybal – Expressed thanks to board members and staff for supporting events regarding Proposition 100;

Carmen Orozco – Special education students at Howenstine High Magnet School (comments made through an interpreter);

Peter Blankfield – Challenging the State legislature regarding education funding;

Gloria Copeland – Need for African Americans on interview panels at University and Pueblo High Schools;

Alfonso Chaves – (Speaking in Roberto Rodriguez's place) Support for Mexican American Studies classes;

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Luci Messing – Concern that there are names on the reduction in force (RIF) list that should not be there;

Bruce Slabaugh – Request that the Board table any layoffs and look at other money-saving measures;

Roberto Estrella – Support for Palo Verde Magnet High School;

Paul Sherman – Support for Howenstine Magnet High School transformational model;

Dan Ireland – Issues at Palo Verde Magnet High School;

Enrique Vega – Mexican American Studies program;

Dolores Bravo – Possible closure of Richey and invitation to Board to attend a Richey School community meeting;

Dolores Lopez - Possible closure of Richey and invitation to Board to attend a Richey School community meeting;

Cecilia Valencia - Possible closure of Richey and invitation to Board to attend a Richey School community meeting;

Jorge Paez – Opposition to HB 2281 related to Ethnic Studies programs.

Individuals whose names were called but were not present: **Jose Gonzalez, Stacey Chappell, Vicki Saunders, Judy Hintz, Wellington Solis, John Mattos, Tom Crawford, Lucy Gonzales, Christina Hernandez, Robert Navarro, Veronica Moreno, Mariano Pacho, Caryl Crowell, Jennie Mullins, Margaret Pacho, Christy Kelly, Traci Riccitello, Andy Marafino, Ed Kile, Staci Richard, Dori Gazso, Laura Porfirio, Betts Hidalgo, Marla Wallace, Rose Hamway, Joyce Martin, Judith Maritz, Galilee Hallier, John Maritz, Noreen Gonzalez, Yolanda Nunez, Nicole Simpson, Mona Rutherford, Bob Boies, Nicola Hedges, Kristie Cugini, Sal Beltran, Heather Bates, Russell Mead, Britnee Hidalgo, Don Cantrell, Ruth Wofford, Rebecca Ballenger, Shannon Peace, Ava Bemer, Carol Smith, Ryan Smith, Lyn Pickering, Cynthia Hart, Amy Rusk, Lupita Pena, Margaret Chaney**

Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva and Maggie Shafer commented.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Bruce Burke reported on his visit to the meeting of the ASBA Legislative Committee to plan for the June 26th ASBA Assembly meeting.

Judy Burns commented that she attended the Tucson Education Association (TEA) Laurels luncheon.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

6. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report Information only.
No action required.

Lourdes Serna presented the SCPC Report outlining an SCPC/TUSD co-sponsored event, *Kindergarten to College & Career*. She expressed thanks to the staff and presenters who made the event possible. In addition, she reported on the election of the 2010-2011 SCPC District Council. Miguel Cuevas commented.

7. Draft Employee Benefits Trust Document Information only.
No action required.

Amber Fernandez presented information and she and Bonnie Betz responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva.

8. Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Funds for the Ten Months Ending April 30, 2010 Information only.
No action required.

Maggie Shafer commented that in the future, this routine item will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. a) Salaried new hires
b) Hourly new hires
c) New hires for Food Services Department
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) Requests for leave of absence for Food Services Department
m) Teachers hired through the recruitment process
o) Letters of Assurance for Non-Certificated Members of the Tucson Education Association (TEA) Bargaining Unit (MBU) for the 2010-2011 school year
p) Letters of Assurance for Administrators for the 2010-2011 school year
q) Letters of Assurance for Exempt Administrators for the 2010-2011 school year
- Bruce Burke moved approval of Consent Agenda Items No. 9 (a-c), (e-m), (o-ak), (ao-av); Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 9. r) Letters of Assurance for Exempt Coordinators for the 2010-2011 school year
- s) Letters of Assurance for Psychologists for the 2010-2011 school year
- t) Letters of Assurance for Research Project Managers for the 2010-2011 school year
- u) Letters of Assurance for Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet for the 2010-2011 school year
- v) Amendment to the 2010-2011 Tucson Unified School District Calendar, adopted January 12, 2010
- w) Ratification of 2009-2010 supplementary textbooks and technology materials
- x) Annual General Statement of Assurances for 2010-2011, with authorization for the Acting Superintendent to sign necessary documents
- y) Funding Proposal Award: U.S. Department of Education – Foreign Language Assistance Program Grant to support the expansion of Arabic language classes at Cholla High and Safford Middle Magnet Schools, effective June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2013
- z) Grant for Tucson Unified School District to participate in partnership with CNA Education, TERC (Tahoe Environmental Research Center) and WestEd: *Using Data to Inform Decisions: How Teachers Use Data to Inform Practice and Improve Student Performance in Mathematics*, with authorization for the Contracts Manager to execute any agreements or contracts necessary to effect the purposes of this funding agreement (4-year grant)
- aa) Affiliation Agreement between Iowa State University and Tucson Unified School District for participation in Iowa State University Food Science & Human Nutrition Department Nationwide-Option Dietetic Internship, with authorization for the Director of Food Services to execute the Agreement, effective May 12, 2010 through June 30, 2011

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

9. ab) U.S. Department of Education Grant – Memorandum of Understanding between Tucson Unified School District Mexican American Studies Department and El Centro for the study of primary and secondary education, to implement the *Unidos Sin Alcohol Project (United Without Alcohol)*, Cholla, Pueblo and Tucson High Magnet Schools, with authorization for respective principals and the Director of Mexican American Studies Department to execute the agreements, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013
- ac) Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and University Physicians Healthcare for Physician Consultative Services effective August 15, 2010 through May 15, 2011, with authorization for the Director of Health Services to execute the Agreement
- ad) Memorandum of Understanding between Tucson Unified School District and Our Family Services in application for a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funding opportunity to support curriculum-based programs effective May 11, 2010 through December 31, 2010, with authorization for the Acting Superintendent to execute the MOU
- ae) Award of Food Services Bid No. 10FR2 – Frozen Food Items, Group 2, for the period of June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011, awarded to JNS Foods, LLC; Malone Meat & Poultry; Shamrock Foods; S A Piazza & Associates, LLC; Tampa Bay Fisheries, Inc.; and Merit Foods of Arizona in the amount of \$1,040,469.61
- af) Award of Bid No. 10-108-10 – Carson Middle School, domestic water line (bond), awarded to Building Excellence in the amount of \$174,000.00 which includes the Base Bid and a 10% contingency
- ag) Award of Bid No. 10-107-10 – Robison Elementary School, upgrades and renovations, awarded to Chestnut Construction Corporation in the amount of \$167,394.70 which includes the Base Bid, Alternate Bid No. 1 and a 10% contingency

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

9. ah) Award of Contracts – Winsett Compound Paving Replacement Project (bond), awarded to Sunland Asphalt and Ace Asphalt for three phases of construction in the amount of \$435,514.00
- ai) Award of RFQ No. 10-90-C15 – Job Order Contracting for general commercial construction with authorization for the Chief Operations Officer to enter into an agreement with the selected firms (bond); awarded to Kittle Design & Construction, LLC; Centennial Contractors Enterprise, Inc.; Durazo Construction; Division II; Sellers & Sons, Inc.; Concord General Contracting; and Lefco, Inc.
- aj) Award of RFQ No. 10-99-C15 – Open End Contracts for professional architectural services for various TUSD projects, with authorization for the Chief Operations Officer to enter into an agreement with the selected firms (bond); awarded to Swaim Associates; Earl Kai Chann; EMC2 Group; Breckenridge; Sakellar Associates Architects; Welman Sperides Mickelbert; and NTD Architects
- ak) Purchase of professional development and technical assistance in arts integration from Opening Minds Through the Arts (OMA) Foundation through State of Arizona Master Contract No. ED09-0033 for the 2011-2012 school year
- ao) Award of IFB No. 11-12-15 – Classroom and Art Supplies in a multi-year contract effective July 1, 2010 with renewal options through June 30, 2015, awarded to Pyramid School Supplies, Teacher Parent Connection and Jonathan’s Educational Resources in the amount of \$90,000.00 annually
- ap) Purchases from Cooperative Purchasing Contracts for FY 2010-2011 for multiple purchases that over the course of the fiscal year will exceed \$250,000.00 in the aggregate
- aq) Purchase of buses from Auto Safety House through contract with Mohave Educational Services Cooperative in the amount of \$517,334.66
- ar) Grant temporary access easement to the City of Tucson at Valencia Wash, with authorization for the GIS and Planning Manager to execute the easement

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 9. as) Right-of-Way improvement dedication to the City of Tucson at Pueblo High Magnet School, with authorization for the GIS and Planning Manager to execute the deed
- at) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1. Special Meeting, March 23, 2010
 - 2. Special Meeting, March 31, 2010
 - 3. Special Meeting, April 6, 2010
 - 4. Special Meeting, April 9, 2010 (Public Hearing on Wrightstown closure)
 - 5. Special Meeting, April 13, 2010
 - 6. Regular Meeting, April 13, 2010
- au) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning April 1, 2010, and ending April 30, 2010
- av) Settlement Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Smith Construction Management (Mansfeld Middle School Classroom Addition), with authorization for the Interim Chief Operations Officer to execute the agreement effective May 11, 2010 (bond)

Maggie Shafer recommended approval of the Consent Agenda. Adelita Grijalva commented briefly.

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately: Mark Stegeman, Item No. 9 (d); Bruce Burke, Items No. 9 (n), (al), (am), and (an). Mr. Burke requested that Item No. 9 (n) be addressed following Item No. 13 (below).

- 9. d) Salaried changes

Mark Stegeman commented that revisions/changes related to assistant superintendents are motivated by long-term savings to the district.

Mark Stegeman moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

- 9. al) Award of Requests for Proposals (RFP) No. 11-05-15 – Employee Group Vision Plans to Avesis Third Party Administrators, Inc. for fiscal year 2010-2011 beginning October 1, 2010 with the option to renew the multi-term contract for up to five consecutive years

Miguel Cuevas moved approval of Items No. 9 (al), (am), and (an); Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 9. am) Award of Requests for Proposals (RFP) No. 11-07-15 – Employee Group Dental Plans to Delta Dental for the district’s PPO dental program and to Employers Dental Service (EDS) for the prepaid dental program for fiscal year 2010-2011, beginning October 1, 2010 with the option to renew the multi-term contract for up to five fiscal years
- an) Award of Requests for Proposals (RFP) No. 11-08-15 – Employee Assistance Program to Jorgensen Brooks Group in the amount of \$90,000 per year for fiscal year 2010-2011, beginning October 1, 2010 with the option to renew the multi-term contract for up to five consecutive fiscal years

After brief comments from Bonnie Betz, Amber Fernandez provided additional information related to Items No. 9 (al), (am), and (an).

ACTION ITEMS

- 10. Closure of Wrightstown Elementary School including Educational Facility Plan Task Force Recommendations on Boundary Changes for the 2010-2011 School Year for the Wrightstown-Henry Merger

Bruce Burke moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Maggie Shafer recommended approval. She and Bryant Nodine provided additional information and responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, and Judy Burns.

- 11. Educational Facility Plan Task Force Recommendations on Boundary Changes for the 2010-2011 School Year: Bused Areas

Miguel Cuevas moved approval.

Maggie Shafer commented briefly and Bryant Nodine presented the recommendations along with the pros and cons of each. Both Ms. Shafer and Mr. Nodine responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, and Miguel Cuevas. Earl Mendenhall also commented during the discussion.

Following additional discussion, Mr. Cuevas amended his motion to exclude the Safford annex plan. Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Recommendation for Howenstine Magnet High School to Adopt a Transformational Model with Required Components of the School Improvement Grant 1003g

Bruce Burke moved approval; Adeltia Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Edith Macklin-Isquierdo presented the recommendation to adopt a transformational model for Howenstine. She and Maggie Shafer responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas.

13. Recommendation for Project MORE to Adopt a Transformational Model with Required Components of the School Improvement Grant 1003g

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved 3-2; Bruce Burke and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

Dr. Macklin-Isquierdo outlined the recommendation for Project MORE and responded to comments from Board Members Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Mark Stegeman.

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

9. n) Letters of Assurance for Members of the Tucson Education Association (TEA) Bargaining Unit (MBU) for the 2010-2011 school year

Bruce Burke moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, Maggie Shafer, Lupita Garcia and Judy Burns briefly discussed this item.

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

14. Reduction in Force (RIF) for Certified Employees for the 2010-2011 School Year with Authorization for the Superintendent or Designee and Human Resources Department to Issue Letters of Assurance to Employees Who are Eligible for Recall Upon Updated Budget Information

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

Maggie Shafer recommended approval. Nancy Woll provided additional information in response to comments from Judy Burns.

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| 15. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, Booth-Fickett Magnet School

Maggie Shafer recommended Michael Konrad. | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1; Mark Stegeman voted no. |
| 16. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, Roberts/Naylor

Maggie Shafer recommended Marcos Quijada. Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns commented briefly. | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| 17. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, University High School

Maggie Shafer recommended Elizabeth Moll. Board Members Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented. | Bruce Burke moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously. |

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

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| 18. Tax Credit Participation Fees for <i>Kindergarten Connection</i>

Maggie Shafer and Bonnie Betz presented information and responded to board member comments and questions. Board members commenting during the discussion were Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, and Adelita Grijalva. | Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1; Miguel Cuevas voted no. |
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STUDY ITEMS

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| 19. Presentation on School Recess Policy – Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman | Addressed following Item No. 3 (above) |
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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda item requests were submitted by board members.

Dr. Kendra Bell, new Director of Elementary Schools, was introduced and welcomed to TUSD.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 11:14 p.m.

Approved this _____ 13th _____ day of _____ July _____, 2010.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____

Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Governing Board

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