

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1
Governing Board Special Meeting
Catalina High Magnet School Auditorium
3645 E. Pima Street
Tucson, Arizona 85716**

**June 1, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Also Present :

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Nancy Woll, Chief Human Resources Officer
John Carroll, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer
Bryant Nodine, GIS and Planning Program Manager
Teri Melendez, Director of Elementary Schools
Kendra Bell, Director of Elementary Schools
Candy Egbert, Interim Director for Elementary Schools
Andrew Kent, Principal, Fort Lowell Elementary School
Barbara Kohl, Principal, Townsend Middle School
Mary Canty, Director, Video Productions
Andrea Marafino, Multi-media Technician
Yovannah Diovanti, Spanish Language Interpreter
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
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association
Marivel Roybal, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
TV Channels 4 and 13

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SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:13 p.m.

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RECESS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 6:14 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Introductory Comments – Judy Burns, President, Governing Board No action required or taken.

Judy Burns commented briefly that this hearing is for public comments related to the closure of Duffy, Fort Lowell, Jefferson Park, Richey and Rogers Elementary Schools. Spanish Interpreter Yovannah Diovanti introduced herself and explained her service to Spanish speakers.

2. Public Hearing/Meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341(A)(36) No action required or taken.
Reasons for or against closing Duffy, Fort Lowell, Jefferson Park, Richey and Rogers Elementary Schools and related attendance boundary changes that could result from the closures.

Judy Burns announced the procedures to be followed for the public 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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2. Public Hearing/Meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341(A)(36) (cont.)

No action required or taken.

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

Stuart Slonaker – Spoke against the closure of Jefferson Park Elementary School;

Edie Cunningham – Issues related to the closure of Jefferson Park;

Dyer Lytle – Wants to save Jefferson Park from closure;

Alison Frye – Would like to keep Jefferson Park open;

George Milan – Asked the Board to consider leaving Jefferson Park open;

Josie Marin-Varelas – Requested that Jefferson Park remain open;

Jan Mulligan – Spoke in support of Jefferson Park school;

Georgia Fitzsimmons – Frustration with the closure process for Jefferson Park;

Robin Leebardt – Townsend Middle School staff members are looking forward to receiving the Fort Lowell Elementary School students;

Lisa Capron – Spoke against the closure of Duffy Elementary School;

Ernette Leslie-John – Frustration with the closure process for Richey School;

Sally Gonzales – Requested that the Board reconsider the closure of Richey;

Martina O'Brien – Requested a year to reconsider the closing of Richey;

Arcadio Gastelum – Support for Richey School;

Luis Gonzales – Requested the Board reconsider the closing of Richey to give the community time to develop a plan;

Mary Cunningham – Expressed appreciation for the staff at Rogers Elementary School and concern about what will happen to the building if the school closes;

J.D. Herron – Would like the Board to reconsider and not close Rogers;

Andrew Agnew – Issues related to the closure of Duffy Elementary School;

Elizabeth Morgan – Concerned about the closure of Jefferson Park.

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

No action required or taken.

In response to a request from Judy Burns, Liz Fagen provided an overview of the merger plan followed by a brief presentation by Bryant Nodine related to possible boundary changes and other issues related to the closures/mergers.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED/RECESSED (for short break) – 7:31 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 7:43 p.m.

STUDY ITEM

3. FY 2011 Budget Study Session

Studied only.
No action taken.

Bonnie Betz presented information and requested direction and/or validation from the Board to be sure TUSD is on the correct budget track for 2010-2011. During a lengthy discussion covering various budget areas, Bonnie Betz, John Carroll, Liz Fagen and Rob Ross responded to comments from Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:20 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of July, 2010.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By

Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Governing Board