

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

**July 21, 2005
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Bruce Burke, President
Adelita Grijalva, Clerk
Judy Burns, Member
Joel T. Ireland, Member
Alex Rodriguez, Member

Also Present :

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent (via conference call at 5:38 p.m.)
Rex Shumway, Legal Counsel
Patti Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Estella Zavala, Interim Director, Public Relations
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Nancy Coomer, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, EEO Compliance Officer, Human Resources-Employment Services
Bridget Auvenshine, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant I
Robert Hersch, Executive Director, Educational Leaders, Inc.
Jeannette Haas, Moderator, School Community Partnership Council
Phil Brenfleck, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Hipolito Corella, *Arizona Daily Star*
Mary Bustamante, *Tucson Citizen*

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ACTION

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 5:39 p.m.

DISCUSSION/STUDY ITEMS

1. School Council Study by Dr. J. Robert Hendricks and Dr. Scott Mundell – David Scott No Action Required

Board President Bruce Burke welcomed everyone present and provided a brief overview of the protocol to be followed. Mr. Burke indicated that since this is a study session, there is no Call to the Audience. However, comment cards are available to all who may be interested in submitting one.

Following introductory comments by Mr. Burke regarding tonight's agenda, David Scott presented a synopsis to the Board of the School Council Study – Site Based Shared Decision Making prepared by Dr. J. Robert Hendricks and Dr. Scott Mundell of the University of Arizona.

Board member Judy Burns commented.

2. Update on TUSD School Council Policy Proposal (Policy 1115/CFC) – Dr. Patricia Lopez No Action Required

Patti Lopez presented historical information to the Board regarding Governing Board Policy No. 1115 – *Shared Decision-Making (SDM)*, including preliminary and last drafts of Governing Board Policy No. CFC, *Shared Decision Making – School Councils* and *School Councils – Shared Decision Making*, respectively.

Roger Pfeuffer and Patti Lopez responded to inquiries from the Board.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Joel Ireland, Bruce Burke, and Judy Burns.

3. Governing Board discussion of role of school councils and proposed policy, including proposal from Board Member Judy Burns No Action Required

Judy Burns presented her policy proposal regarding the role of school councils, along with rationale for her recommended changes.

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DISCUSSION/STUDY ITEMS (continued)

3. Governing Board discussion of role of school councils and proposed policy, including proposal from Board Member Judy Burns (continued)

At the request of Bruce Burke, Rex Shumway provided legal advice on what the law mandates.

Roger Pfeuffer referenced the School Quality Survey results related to school councils.

Patti Lopez responded to Board inquiries.

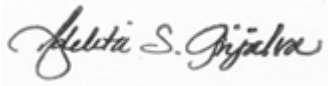
Board members commenting and/or asking questions regarding the process for preparing a final draft, how to address accountability and decentralization issues, achieving ethnic representation on the councils, the role of the principal and the superintendent in personnel issues, keeping the focus on academic achievement, levels of decision-making, and the need for school council member training.

Following a lengthy discussion, the consensus was that district administration will continue to meet with all stakeholders and, using Board Member Judy Burns' proposal along with the "Last Draft" of Governing Board Policy No. 1115, will develop a policy that can be presented to Board for approval. In doing so, a concerted effort will be made to ensure that the policy is as clear and concise as possible.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:25 P.M.

Approved this 13th day of December, 2005.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Adelita Grijalva, Clerk
Governing Board